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CALENDAR

1955 - 1956

June

New WSCS fiscal year begins
Pledge and budget made for year
Pledge reported to District Promotion secretaries and District Treasurers
Hold Officers Training Day in local societies and zones
Plan to enlist every church-woman as a member
Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, June 21-28

July

Order Program and Worship books: "To The Ends of The Earth" and the new Prayer Calendar
Guild Week-end, July 15, 16, 17
Local treasurers first quarter's report due District treasurers, July 20
National Town and Country Commission, Bloomington, Indiana, July 22-25

August

National Christian Social Relations Seminar, August 8-11
School of Missions, Centenary College, Shreveport, August 8-12
Local secretaries make reports. Send to District secretaries not later than August 31
Prepare and send Christmas boxes to our institutions

September

Eight District Missionary Education Seminars
Begin study: "Indian Americans"
Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-denial

October

World Communion Sunday, October 2
Continue study "Indian Americans"
Mid-year Conference Executive Committee meeting, Oct. 18, 19, 20
Local treasurers second quarter reports due District treasurers, October 20
Plan observance of United Nations Day, October 26
Week of Prayer and Self-denial, October 23

November

Begin study "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World"
Local secretaries make reports to mail to District secretaries not later than November 30

December

Plan special membership month

1956
January

Wesleyan Service Guild Month
Observe Student Recognition Day, January 1
Plan recognition service for new members
Focus attention on goals and indicate progress
Co-operate with pastor in church wide study "South Of The Himalayas"
Local treasurers reports for third quarter due January 20.

February

Elect a Nominating Committee
Day Apart service held during Lent
Begin study "The Five Spiritual Classics"
World Day of Prayer, February 17
Annual Meeting, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, February 28, Shreveport
Annual Meeting South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society February 29-March 2, Shreveport
Local officers reports due February 28

March

Election of local society officers
Send list of local society officers to District Promotion secretary
Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Meeting, March 3, 4, Shreveport

April

Easter Sunday, April 1
Pledge paid in full
Begin study "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace"
District Annual Meetings
Local treasurers fourth quarter reports due May 1

May

Check goals for completion of year's work
Install officers
Pledge service for new year
Annual report from all officers
Make plans for Officers Training Day in local societies
Continue study "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace"
Annual Meeting of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, May 8
All local society reports made and mailed not later than May 31

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IN REMEMBRANCE

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait, through wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead!

To all those faithful women who have passed on to that Blessed Land during the past year, this page is respectfully dedicated.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Louisiana Conference, The Methodist Church

MARCH 16, 17, 18, 1955

PROGRAM

WOMANS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 15. 1955

12:30 P. M. Executive Committee Luncheon Mrs. Stephen E. Plauche
3039 Shell Beach Drive
Courtesy — Mrs. Stephen E. Plauche

2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. Executive Meeting.

6:00 P. M. Executive Dinner
University Methodist Church
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Courtesy of University Methodist Church and
Lake Charles District Woman's Societies of Christian Service

FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1955

10:30-1:00 P. M. Registration ..... in Central Corridor

11:30-1:30 P. M. Buffet Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
.. .. First Methodist Church
Courtesy of Maplewood, Sulphur and Westlake
Woman's Societies of Christian Service

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after . . ." Philippians 3:12.

2:00 P. M. Organ Prelude
Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 279
Convening of the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING—
Mrs. C. I. Jones, President
Opening Worship ..... Mrs. Robert Compton, President
Lake Charles District
Welcome .... Mrs. R. M. France
Order of Business:
Presentation of Program
Committee Appointments
Report of Recording Secretary Mrs. E. E. Stewart
Introduction of Newly Appointed Workers to
Institutions—Miss Hazel Cooper, Miss Ann
Coucoules, Miss Lelia Robinson
Announcements ... Mrs. S. W. Plauche
Hymn—"From All That Dwell" ... No. 17
President's Message ..... "The Southern Cross"
Benediction ..... Rev. Ned Stout

6:00 P. M. Dinner—Fellowship Hall First Methodist Church
"What Doth the Lord Require of Thee"
Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.
Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

"I beseech you by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—Romans 12:1.

8:00 P. M. Organ Prelude
Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful" ..... No. 12
Scripture and Prayer Rev. Karl Tooke
Anthem—"Psalm One Hundred and Fifty" Franck
Chancel Choir, First Methodist Church
Offertory
"A World Order—For the Living of These Days"
. . . Bishop Paul E. Martin
Holy Communion
Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1955

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."—Psalm 52:10.

7:30-8:15 A. M. Coffee Hour—Fellowship Hall
Courtesy First Methodist Church
Woman's Society of Christian Service

8:00 A. M. Organ Prelude

8:20 A. M. Hymn—"Forth In Thy Name I Go" No. 290
"Life's Fundamentals" . . .. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Report of Registration
"Treasures for the Kingdom" Mrs. W. E. Horton
Mrs. Lee Tidwell Presiding
Hymn—"Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 180
"Serving Thee Whom We Adore" Mrs. Robley L. Davis Presiding
Miss Ann Adams, Miss Fae Daves, Miss Pearlye Mae Kelley, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. Pearl Turnbull
Mr. Carl Brunson, Rev. Robert Parrott
Courtesies . . .. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Announcements
Solo .... Mrs. Fred Shirley

12 Noon Quiet Hour—"Grant Us Wisdom" Miss Margaret Billingsley

12:30 P. M. Sacrificial Luncheon Fellowship Hall
Courtesy Iowa and Raymond
Woman's Societies of Christian Service
"The Abiding Presence" Mrs. Paul E. Martin
Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

**"Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God!
Thy good spirit lead me on a level path!"
Psalm 143:10.**

1:45 P. M. Organ Prelude
Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory", verses 1-3-5 No. 279
"Lest We Miss Thy Kingdom's Goal
Miss Margaret Billingsley
Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Presiding
The Refugee Settlement Problem—
"Whom We Shall Welcome" McNeese College Students

Hymn—"A Charge To Keep I Have" No. 287
"The Indispensable Woman" Mrs. C. A. Meeker
Mrs. Wideman Watson, presiding
Benediction Rev. Robert Peyton

4:00 P. M. "Free Our Hearts to Work and Praise"
Officers Training Hour
Meeting of the Conference Deaconess Board

6:00 P. M. Dinner—Fellowship Hall
"The Mounting Opportunities of Service in 1955"
Mrs. D. W. Poole
Mrs. James T. Harris, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."
II Timothy 2:15

8:00 P. M. Organ Prelude.
Hymn—"Walk in the Light" . No. 378
McNeese Choir . ... Mr. Fred Propst, Director
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Carl Lueg
Offertory
Address—"Certain Women"..... Mrs. C. A. Meeker
Benediction ..... Rev. Carl Lueg

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1955

"Go therefore and make disciples . . . of all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always . . . "
Matthew 28:19.

7:30-8:15 A. M. Coffee Hour ... . Fellowship Hall

8:00 A. M. Organ Prelude

8:20 A. M. Hymn—"The Voice of God is Calling" No. 454
"Guidance for the Living of These Days" Mrs. Sam Dunbar
"Methodism's Magnificent Mission" Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Order of Business
Recommendations
Report of Special Committees
Resolutions
Place of Meeting 1956
"Why the Wesleyan Service Guild" .. Mrs. Minza Rabun
Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory", Verses 1, 2, 4
.. .. No. 279
"That We Fail Not Man nor Thee"
"Three Voices"—Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. J. H. McSween
Solo—"Awake, Awake to Love and Work" Mrs. Fred Shirley
"Giving, For the Living of These Days" .
Mrs. J. H. McSween and the District Treasurers
Special Music—"Peace I Leave With You" ..... Roberts
The Lyric Singers

12:00 Noon Quiet Hour: "Grant Us Courage" Miss Margaret Billingsley
Benediction . . Rev. Carl Lueg
Buffet Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
Courtesy Oak Park and Simpson Methodist Church
Woman's Societies of Christian Service

PROGRAM

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1955

10:00 A. M. Registration — Foyer Educational Building

10:30 A. M. Conference Executive Committee Mezzanine, Majestic Hotel

12:00 P. M. Conference Executive Committee Luncheon
Majestic Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION—Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

2:00 P. M. Organ Prelude
Convening of Fourth Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild — Mrs. Minza Rabun, Presiding
Welcome — Rev. Carl F. Lueg
Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory" — No. 279
Worship — Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport District Secretary
Order of Business:
Committee Appointments
Report of Recording Secretary
Guild Hymn
Secretary's Message—"Why the Wesleyan Service Guild?" — Mrs. Minza Rabun
Special Music — McNeese Music Department
Address: "The Southern Cross" — Mrs. C. I. Jones
Benediction — Miss Lillian Kennedy

4:15 P. M. Tea ..... Mrs. L. E. Frazer
President's Home, McNeese College

6:45 P. M. Dinner in Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church with Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary, presiding.
Invocation: "Doxology"
Fellowship

EVENING SESSION—Sanctuary, First Methodist Church.

8:15 P. M. Organ Prelude
Call to Worship ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun
Prayer ..... Rev. Karl Tooke
Address—"For The Living of These Days" — Mrs. James T. Harris
Love Offering (To Supplement Conference Pledge to Missions)
Solo ..... Mrs. Fred O. Shirley
Address ..... Miss Margaret Billingsley
Pledge Service — Mrs. J. H. McSween
Communion — Rev. E. B. Emmerich, Rev. F. O. Shirley, Rev. T. T. Howes
Benediction ..... Rev. F. O. Shirley

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1955

7:30 A. M.	Breakfast in Fellowship Hall	Miss Helen Adams, presiding
	Message	Miss Margaret Billingsley
	Meditation	Mrs. W. W. Paxton

MORNING SESSION—Fellowship Hall

8:45 P. M.	Call to Order	Miss Emma Kuntz, presiding
	Hymn	
	Prayer	
	Address—"The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility",	The Honorable Fannie Burch, District Judge
	Benediction	
	Coffee Hour	
10:00 A. M.	Order of Business	Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding
	Report on Registration	
	Reports of Committees	
	Other Business	
	Announcements	
	Adjournment	
10:50 A. M.	Church Service	First Methodist Church
12:15 P. M.	Luncheon, Friendship Hall	Courtesy Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL CHURCH

BUNKIE, LOUISIANA

October 13, 14, 1954

The Members and Guests of the Conference Executive Committee met at the David Haas Memorial Church, Bunkie, Louisiana, at one o'clock, October 13, 1954. Lunch was served, with Mrs. C. W. Tebow, president of the local Society, presiding. Rev. W. D. Boddie, pastor-host offered thanks. After a delicious meal, the group moved into the sanctuary of the church for the business meeting.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, called the Committee to order. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God" was sung. Mrs. Paxton used as her subject "Women and the Kingdom", comparing our work with that of an army officer who dares not make an error in strategy. Beginning first in our homes, we each have the opportunity to help bring in the Kingdom, and hear at the end "She hath done what she could". Mrs. Paxton closed with prayer.

Roll was called with the following present: Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Robley Davis, Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. George H. Thomas, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. Roy Dugas, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. G. Wray Gill, Mrs. Otis Welch, Mrs. Marvin Stevens, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. A. J. Voigt, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. T. M. Ellis and Mrs. R. O. Coorpender.

Mrs. W. E. Trice was asked by the president to send suitable messages to the absent members.

The Missionary Education Secretaries of the Districts were invited to this meeting. Those present were: Mrs. Philip Stanly, Mrs. Frank Peabody, Mrs. E. R. Haug, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., and Mrs. D. F. Davis. They were recognized and welcomed to the meeting by the president.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, member of the Woman's Division, made a report of a recent meeting held in New York, of the Standing Committee of which she is a member.

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, expressed her pleasure at being present, and made a brief report of her work.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, reported her numerous activities since Conference, which included trips to the Assembly at Milwaukee, the Jurisdiction School of Mission at Mt. Sequoyah, the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, and the National Conference on Family Life in Cleveland.

The Vice-president, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, reviewed the work of her office. She mentioned that the World Federation of Methodist Women now has two new countries in its membership. She distributed letters from women of several member countries. The next meeting of the World Federation will be held at Lake Junaluska in September of 1956.

The **Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Stewart,** made the following statement concerning the Annual Report:

(See Reports)

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, reported that she had paid more than $20,000 on our pledge to missions, which is above the average for the first quarter.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the pledge to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation of $3,000 be paid in quarterly installments of $750.00.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, reported. She thanked the Conference for sending her to the Assembly, then distributed copies of her first quarter's report. She was distressed that the membership had fallen off so much, and hoped that it was due to clearing the rolls and the change in Districts. This report showed a total membership of 14,270 which is about 800 less than the fourth quarter. She called attention to that fact that **five** Districts were 100% in reporting the fourth quarter, and only **two** were 100% the first quarter. She made mention of an area wide meeting held recently in Little Rock on church publicity.

Mrs. Robley Davis, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, made a comparative report of last year and this year, and called attention to the places where we are weak.

Mrs. Davis reported for the School of Missions, as follows:

Total enrollment	275
No. of credits given	190

The financial report was:

Received from Conference Officer Training Fund	$ 250.00
Conference School of Missions Fund	350.00
Rooms, insurance, and registration	682.50
Study Outlines sold	109.88
Total to account for	$1,392.38

Disbursements

Officer Training	$ 230.82
Materials and printing Outlines	58.35
Insurance	113.85
Honorariums and gift	208.75
Centenary College for rooms	116.00
Travel for Conf. Officers and Instructors	157.57
Meals for Conference Officers and Instructors	80.75
Materials used in School	120.85
Refund to Missionary Education Secretary from Outline fund	51.53
Balance returned to treasurer	248.91
	$1,392.38

Since she has no facilities for mimeographing, Mrs. Davis moved that in the future the Outlines be mimeographed in Shreveport and delivered to the School of Missions at Centenary College. It was seconded and carried.

Concerning the Seminars, Mrs. Davis reported that eight were held with 212 Societies represented by 1,176 women.

Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, gave her financial report as follows:

Balance on hand, March 28, 1954	$ 44.61
Received from Conference Treasurer on 1953 budget	100.00
Received from Conference Treasurer, July 8, 1954	50.00
Received from Conference Treasurer, August 1	100.00
Total receipts	$294.61

Disbursements

To Malcolm Genet, representative on World Peace Com.	$ 50.00
Telephone and Telegraph	30.97
Stamps and mailing	34.97
Stationery	19.84
Mimeographing	25.52
Literature	26.30
Film strip and chart	5.25
Memberships	
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation	25.00
Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare	3.00
World Council of Churches	5.00
World Information Service	2.50
	$228.35
Balance on hand	$ 66.26

Mrs. Goldthwait called attention to legislation before the people of Louisiana today. The matter of religious literature for Angola Prison was mentioned, also the need for another chaplain, She suggested that a workshop be held in each District on "World Trade" as fore-runner of our next Christian Social Relations study. It was taken under consideration.

The secretary read the report of **Mrs. Minza Rabun, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild,** who was unable to be present. It showed 88 Guilds with 1,715 members. The first quarter they paid on their pledge to missions $2,760.54. In addition to the report, Mrs. McSween spoke of the many visits she had made among the Guild units, and something of how they are working.

After announcing committee meetings, Mrs. Geo. W. Dameron led in prayer, and the session was recessed at 5:00 p.m. to meet again at six p. m. for dinner.

DINNER

The Executive Committee were entertained at dinner in the Educational Building of the church. The tables were lavishly decorated to resemble an Indian jungle. The blessing was asked by Mrs. W. W. Paxton. Following the meal each member and visitor introduced herself, telling where she was from, and what office she holds in the Woman's Society.

EVENING SESSION

After the dinner, the Standing Committees of the Conference met until 8:45 p.m., when the group assembled as a whole.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey.

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary of Children's Work, reported excellent group leadership and interest in her department. After reviewing her many activities during the summer months she said that the quarterly reports showed that Children's Work is steadily improving, but that there are still many Woman's Societies who do not have a secretary.

Mrs. George E. Powell, Secretary of Supply Work, made her report in which she called attention to the "Costless Plan" of redeeming coupons

for St. Marks' camp site. The camp is now a reality, the Woman's Division having purchased a site near Covington on the Tchefuncta River. All is ready but the furnishings, which is Supply work.

Mrs. Powell described the new plan of Supply giving, explaining that each Society has been assigned a definite institution for the whole year. She reminded her listeners that the Supply picture is not bright at present, for where we gave $1.35 per capita in 1953 we gave only $1.26 this year. Our cash giving was considerably less in the Home field, and considerably more in the Foreign field, the latter being overpaid by more than $2,000.

Mrs. D. W. Poole, Secretary of Student Work, reported more "Blue Cards" have been received by Student Workers this year than ever before. Miss Lillian Hay, Student Counsellor at Southeastern College, has asked the encouragement and cooperation of the Woman's Society in arranging a trip for students to Nashville and Atlanta as a missionary project. Mrs. Poole then told something about the work being done by the Wesley Foundation at Southwestern College. Others present who live near campuses reported informally for L.S.U.; Louisiana Tech; and Tulane-Newcomb. Mrs. Poole then announced that next Student Conference will be held at Northwestern College the week-end of March 14, 1955.

In the absence of **Mrs. James T. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel,** Mrs. Jones told something of the whereabouts of our Life Service Volunteers.

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Secretary of Status of Women, reported progress in her department, and that the women are asking more and more, "What can we do to find a place of service in our church?", which gives us a challenge to find for them a place of service.

With a prayer of benediction by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, the Committee adjourned at 9:45 p. m. to meet again at nine o'clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1954

According to plan, the Executive Committee assembled at nine o'clock. Mrs. W. W. Paxton led the morning devotions. After the singing of the hymn "Dear Master, in Whose Life I See," Mrs. Paxton spoke briefly on things necessary for a successful life, viz,

Consecration; Preparation; A Sense of Humor.

She closed with prayer.

Reports were continued. **Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications** reported her summer activities; that New Orleans District was the only District 100% in reporting the first quarter. The number of subscriptions to the Methodist Woman are 3,652, and the World Outlook 1,755. Societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to the Methodist Woman 51; to the World Outlook 7.

The president announced that Mrs. J. T. Folk had resigned her office of Secretary of Youth Work, due to the fact that she is now teaching at Tech. Her resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs. W. F. Mann'ng, Jr., was elected to fill her unexpired term of office.

This completed the officers reports, and reports from the Standing Committees were heard.

Mrs. R. O. Coorpender read the report of the **Finance Committee.** This committee recommended that the Missionary Education Secretary be allowed to purchase books for the Conference Library with the surplus received from the sale of Mission Study Outlines. The selection and purchase of same to be at her discretion. It was adopted.

They also recommended that the amount of $37.00 be sent Miss Elizabeth Thompson each month during the remainder of the Conference year, charging same to expense account, so that there will be no withholding. Carried.

School of Missions Committee. Mrs. Wideman Watson read the report. It is recommended that the Conference subsidize the following District Officers to the extent of $9.00 for the School of Missions: president, Wesleyan Service Guild, Status of Women, treasurer, Missionary Education, and Supply Work. The Conference to pay the mileage on one car from each District. Carried.

It is recommended that the Districts subsidize Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, and one person from the Guild, and mileage be paid on one car to bring them to the School of Missions. It is hoped that the Districts will act upon this recommendation.

The School of Missions will be held separately from the Pastor's School next year. We will have the same number of instructors as last year. The dates are August 8-12, 1955.

COFFEE BREAK

A delightful half-hour was spent in the new parsonage, while the ladies of the church served coffee.

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The session was resumed with prayer led by Mrs. E. N. Jackson, following which a report of the recent meeting of the Town and Country Commission was given by the **Vice-president, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.** This was a joint meeting with the Rural Advisory Committee, who directs the work of Miss Elizabeth Thompson. The report contained some startling facts; that 45% of U. S. population is rural; that 75% of the 40,000 Methodist Churches are in town or country; that Methodism ranks first in only ONE large city; third in 12 large cities, and over one-half of Methodist churches have less than 100 members. Sixteen thousand churches have Supply Pastors, fifty of whom are in Louisiana.

Mrs. Kilpatrick distributed literature on this subject, and reminded us that the national Town and Country Commission will meet next summer, and it will be necessary to elect two delegates to it.

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, chairman of the Journal Committee, reported the Minutes of yesterday correct and in order.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, **Conference Program** Chairman reported on the progress of the program for Conference, and mentioned the outstanding speakers whom we hope to have.

Committee on Visiting Institutions. This report was made by Mrs. Geo. E. Powell. She reported a new head resident at Business Girls Inn, Miss Hazel Cooper, since Mrs. Freeman retired on September 1; that Dulac Indian Mission has no school now, but the children go to the public school, and the facilities have been turned into a Community Center; that MacDonell Methodist Center has a new head resident — a deaconess — Miss Ann Coucoules; that Sager Brown is progressing under the leadership of Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, with a new deaconess to help her, Miss Leila Robinson, who was consecrated at Milwaukee; Peoples Community Center has asked for help in paving a court where the children can play. Some help has been given.

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry reported a new boys' worker at St. Marks. Also the purchase of a camp site near Covington.

Several communications were read. A letter from Mrs. Frank G. Brooks was deemed so important that copies were ordered sent to all societies.

The Committee on Youth Work offered the following resolution:

"The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Mid-year session, Bunkie, Louisiana, October 14, 1954, wish to protest to the Board of Education of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church the action taken by the Board of Trustees of Camp Brewer in September 1954, in refusing permission to the Methodist Student Movement to use the Camp for an inter-racial state Student meeting.

This action resulted in difficulty in re-location of the Conference after permission had been granted for its use. Likewise, a tremendous adverse effect was felt by the students with regard to the church's stand, in view of the official stand taken by the Louisiana Conference in session in Monroe in June 1954. We feel that a grave retraction of principles is involved.

We request that the Board of Education establish a policy that will make available all facilities of the church, under supervision of the Board, for use of all authorized representative groups of the church.

We deplore any lack of ability to stand for our Christian convictions on brotherhood.

The facilities of the Woman's Division were offered to the Methodist Student Movement and the Conference convened at MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, on the dates scheduled.

We earnestly pray that the Board of Education will give direction to our Conference in this matter."

It was moved by Mrs. Trice and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and copies sent to the members of the Board of Education, the Trustees of Camp Brewer and Bishop Paul Martin. It was adopted.

The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m., with prayer led by Mrs. Robley Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer led by Mrs. Lee Tidwell.

The **Committee on Promotion** report was made by Mrs. Tidwell. Since, in this year of the quadrennium, the emphasis is on widening fellowship. she suggested ways by which we could win members for the Society. She suggested an intensive campaign, possibly in the Spring, ending with a "I won one tea". On motion by Mrs. Tidwell, and a second, this idea was adopted by the Conference.

Three of the Jurisdiction delegates, elected by name are no longer officers, so the name of the first alternate, Mrs. E. E. Stewart was moved up to a delegate, and ballot was cast for two other delegates and four alternates. The ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. W. W. Paxton and Mrs. Robley Davis as delegates, and Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. D. W. Poole, and Mrs. George E. Powell as alternates.

Nominations were heard from the floor for two delegates to the Town and Country Commission meeting. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Robert Compton were elected delegates, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Jr. were elected as alternates.

Mrs. Wideman Watson presented the question of a news sheet for the Conference, instead of the usual quarterly letters from each Conference officer. After much discussion the matter was referred to the following committee for further study: Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey. The committee will report at the Spring meeting.

The secretary read the following note from the Missionary Education secretaries of the District, who were guests at this meeting.

"We, the District Secretaries of Missionary Education, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for this opportunity to be the guests at your mid-year Executive Committee meeting, and to our gracious hostesses. It has been an inspiration."

(Signed)

Mrs. Lillian Peabody	Mrs. Marie Davis
Mrs. Philip Stanly	Mrs. J. B. Mouton
Mrs. E. R. Haug	

For the closing moments of the meeting, the group joined hands, forming a Circle of Prayer, with prayer by Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Following the business session, the Committee enjoyed a Coffee in the lovely home of Mrs. Warren Constant.

PRE-ANNUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

MARCH 15, 1955

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service assembled at noon at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, where they were directed to the home of Mrs. Stephen E. Plauche, 3039 Shell Beach Drive. There they were served a delicious luncheon, courtesy of Mrs. Plauche. She was assisted by Mrs. Carl Lueg, Mrs. W. W. Paxton and Mrs. R. M. France.

The reception rooms and tables were resplendent with Spring blossoms. The favors were dolls dressed in authentic costumes of the countries where our missionaries work, and each bore the name of a worker in that country.

The business session followed immediately, with the following members present: Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Robley Davis, Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. George E. Powell, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Mrs. James T. Harris, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. W. E. Trice, Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Jr., Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. George H. Thomas, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. Roy Dugas, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. Otis Welch, Mrs. F. C. Haley, Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. Glenn E Laskey, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, and Mrs. D. C. Metcalf.

Words of greeting were spoken by the president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, after which Mrs. James T. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, led the devotions. She told of her recent visit to Cuba with her husband on an Evangelistic Mission. She contrasted our complacency to the Christian message to the eagerness of the people of other countries, especially Cuba, for the message. They cry as did the Macedonian of old "Come over and help us". She urged each Woman's Society member to seek more recruits to carry the great commission "Go ye".

She closed the worship period with prayer.

Mrs. Jones announced the recent death of Dr. Frank G. Brooks, husband of the president of the Woman's Division. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Brooks.

An invitation was read by the secretary from the Woman's Society of the Texas Conference to attend their seventy-fifth Anniversary Meeting, March 17-20, 1955, in Houston, Texas.

The president announced the opening of a new piece of work in Louisiana in September. Miss Sheila Nuttall, a deaconess from Louisiana, has been employed as Rural Worker for St. Tammany Parish, with headquarters in Covington.

The resignation of Mrs. D. C. Metcalf as chairman of the Research Committee was announced by the president. It was accepted with regret. Mrs. Geo. S. Sexton was nominated by Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait to fill the vacancy. There being no further nominations she was elected by acclamation.

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Secretary of Status of Women also offered her resignation. It, too, was accepted with regret. The Administrative Committee will fill the vacancy.

The dates for the Annual District meetings were announced as follows:

Alexandria	at Bunkie	April 21
Baton Rouge	at University Church, Baton Rouge	April 14
Lafayette	at Houma	April 29
Lake Charles	at Jennings	April 21
Monroe	at West Monroe	April 28
New Orleans	at Gentilly	April 1
Ruston	at Bernice	April 13
Shreveport	at Wynn Memorial	April 21

Committees for the Annual Meeting were appointed. Mrs. Goldthwait spoke concerning the Seminar on Christian Social Relations to be held in Kansas City on August 2-11, 1955, and asked that a representative be named. It was referred to the Conference Seminar Committee.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey represented the South Central Jurisdiction at the first meeting of the Economic and Social Council in Evanston, Illinois. This Council takes the place of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, which was outlawed at the last General Conference. Mrs. Laskey was one of the five women who represented their Jurisdictions at this meeting. She told something of the scope of the work undertaken by the Council.

The World Federation of Methodist Women was presented by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, vice-president. Since no provision had been made by the Woman's Society for the promotion of this phase of work, she asked that in the future an amount be budgeted for the promotion of this work. The Finance Committee will take it under consideration.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, treasurer, moved that due to the advancing costs of running the Woman's Society of the Conference, that we deduct 60c per member for Cultivation, instead of 50c as here-to-fore. It was seconded and carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. McSween that the $3,000 pledged to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation for Alcohol Education be paid one year beyond the end of this quadrennium, that is through 1957, and the Executive Secretary be so informed. It was carried.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick reported for the Rural Advisory Committee and distributed copies of the report of Miss Elizabeth Thompson's work.

The committee adjourned with prayer led by Mrs. Glenn Laskey, to meet for dinner at six p.m.

DINNER

Mixed bouquets adorned the tables, making them very attractive when the women of the University Church Society entertained the Executive Committee at dinner. A bountiful meal was served in the dining room of their church. Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, pastor-host, asked the blessing.

After the meal, Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, expressed thanks to the University Society in behalf of the Executive Committee for this courtesy.

Mrs. Robert Compton, president of the Lake Charles District Society introduced the District officers, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Emmerich, the local president, Mrs. W. E. Rohrer, and the local committee.

Mrs. Roy Dugas presented Mrs. O. B. Jordan, who supervised the making of the doll favors for the noon luncheon.

The Executive Committee then adjourned to the Sanctuary for the evening session.

After prayer, led by Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Secretary of Student Work reported on the recent meeting of the Methodist Student Movement at Natchitoches. She reported it was an inter-racial group, and the meeting was very helpful.

Mrs. Robley Davis spoke in regard to the 1955 School of Missions. A complete report will be found with the reports in the Annual Report.

The officers who will attend the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah will be: president, treasurer, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Supply Work, Status of Women and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The District secretaries of the same lines of work will fill the quota of 20 from this Woman's Society.

Mrs. Davis moved, and it was seconded, that we allow each instructor in the Annual School of Missions to order $5.00 in books for their courses. It was carried.

Ballot was spread for the names of three women to be recommended to the Jurisdiction as suitable material for membership on the Board of Missions. It resulted in the selection of Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar and Mrs. C. I. Jones.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, that the usual Officers Training Day for District officers be held in May, in Alexandria. It was seconded and carried. A tentative date of Wednesday, May 4, 1955 was set.

The chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, Mrs. S. E. Richardson called attention to a discrepancy between the by-laws of our Society and the new Manual of Procedure of the Division, and it was arranged to bring it up-to-date at the Mid-year meeting of the Committee.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick was named chairman of this Committee for the coming year, by the president.

Motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded and carried, that if found feasible that the Louisiana Methodist be sent each of the active and retired missionaries and deaconesses from Louisiana. The decision to be made by the Secretaries of Literature and Publications, Missionary Education and the treasurer.

Following prayer around the altar, led by Mrs. Paxton, the Committee adjourned.

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The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Wednesday, March 16, 1955, at 2:00 p.m., with the president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" was sung, led by Mrs. R. E. Heidt. Lines from this hymn were used throughout the meeting as the theme. The president declared the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Society in session by the sounding of the gavel.

The opening worship was conducted by Mrs. Robert Compton, president of the Lake Charles District Society, who read Phil. 3:1-15, and offered prayer.

The officers, delegates and visitors were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Roy M. France, president of the local Society.

Highlights of the program were lifted by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, program chairman for the meeting.

The Recording secretary read the committee appointments as follows:

Assistant to the secretary: Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry

Journal: Mrs. Robley Davis, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. J. T. Eubank

Resolutions: Mrs. Philip Holland, Jr., Mrs. Maurice Tatum, Mrs. Clinton Bradford

Mrs. Stewart read the report of the mid-year Executive Committee meeting, which met in Bunkie on October 13, 14, 1954 in the Haas Memorial Church.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. J. T. Folk as Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., was elected to fill that vacancy until the next regular election.

The School of Missions and Service Committee reported that the dates of the next School of Missions would be August 8-12, 1955, and will be held at Centenary, as in the past, but will not be in conjunction with the Pastor's School.

Three delegates to the South Centeral Jurisdiction Woman's Society are no longer Conference officers. So the first alternate, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, was moved up to delegate, and ballot was cast for two delegates and four alternates, which resulted in the election of Mrs. W. W. Paxton and Mrs. Robley Davis as the delegates, and Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. D. W. Poole and Mrs. George E. Powell as alternates.

Mrs. Stewart made the following report of the Committee on Annual Report. (See Reports)

The newly appointed workers at institutions within the State, under the Woman's Division, were introduced by Mrs. Jones. They were: Miss Hazel Cooper of Business Girls Inn, Shreveport; Miss Ann Coucoules, of

MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma, and Miss Lelia Robinson of Sager Brown-Godman School, Baldwin. Each of them shared something about their work with the Woman's Society.

Necessary announcements were made by Mrs. S. W. Plauche, general chairman. The hymn "From All That Dwell" was sung, after which Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick presented Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, who gave her annual message entitled "The Southern Cross". The message in full will be found on page 42.

Following the benediction by Rev. Ned Stout, the session closed, to meet again at dinner.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

DINNER

The members of the Woman's Society and visitors were served a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

Every nook and corner of the dining room as well as the tables were a riot of colors with azaleas, camellias and spirea everywhere.

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Secretary of Status of Women, presided After the introduction of distinguished guests and visitors, she presented Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., president of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society. Mrs. Horton used as her subject "What doth the Lord require of thee." She brought out that the women of Bible times established a status of women, but lost it to man. With the coming of Christ all were admitted at the same door, and from it the modern woman has developed her present position. If we would keep, and improve it, we must find the right balance between business and home making, and with it all remain feminine even when working in a completely masculine society.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Karl Tooke.

EVENING SESSION

Immediately following the dinner in Fellowship Hall, the members of the Woman's Society returned to the Sanctuary of the church for the evening service.

The hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" was sung. The Rev. Karl Tooke, District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, read the First Psalm and offered prayer.

The offering was taken under the direction of Rev. Carl Lueg, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

An anthem " The one hundred fiftieth Psalm" was sung by the chancel choir of First Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. Norman Smith.

The president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, presented Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop of the Louisiana-Arkansas area, the speaker of the evening. His subject was "A World Order—For the Living of These Days." Bishop Martin reminded his audience that all men want peace; that no nation can live alone; that if another war comes, we will be bombed, for we cannot be a perpetual policeman; that peace will not come by opposition to war; but if we want peace we must:

Understand other people;
Know what other people think of us;
Develop new attitudes;
Recognize that this is a divinely ordained world;
Remember that every individual has dignity and worth;
Demonstrate a devotion to the cause of peace;

We must produce men and women who have the mind of Christ. It is not the function of the Church to follow society, but to lead society. Let us, under God, create an order that will lead to peace."

Following the sermon, the Holy Communion was administered under the direction of Bishop Martin, assisted by Rev. Tooke and Rev. Lueg.

The hymn "Above the Hills of Time" was sung, after which Bishop Martin pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING

MARCH 17, 1955

A coffee hour was enjoyed in Fellowship Hall, a courtesy of First Methodist Society.

After a period of quiet music, the hymn "Forth in Thy Name I Go," was sung. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, immediate past president of the Louisiana Woman's Society, and presently recording secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society. She used as her topic "Life's Fundamentals." She brought out that bread and water are both necessary to life; that when Jesus said "I am the bread of life," he knew that bread was often hard to come by, and that it required many tasks to bring it to the table. Also that it was a land of drought, and water was equally hard to get. With our modern living, these mean little to us. We take them as a matter of course. We think we can have THINGS and HIM too. Not so! Let us put out the clutter and clear our lives. We can by self-discipline, and a quiet place where we may talk with Him in prayer.

She closed her meditation with prayer.

The report of the Registration Committee was made by Mrs. A. Boeh, chairman, who reported 190 delegates and 376 visitors had registered.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion, assisted by the District Promotion secretaries: Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas, Mrs. Roy Dugas, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. Geo. O. Willis, Mrs. F. C. Haley, and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, presented the Promotion Hour. Mrs. Tidwell spoke of the Treasure Chests of last year and that by using them, we over paid our pledge. This year we are urging a treasure hunt for members. The Districts reported the following gains in membership:

District	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Gain or	Loss
Alexandria	1179	1271	91	
Baton Rouge	2057	2256	199	
Lafayette	977	1077	100	
Lake Charles	1552	1610	58	
Monroe	1914	2161	247	
New Orleans	1689	1671		—18
Ruston	1814	1879	65	
Shreveport	2990	3228	230	

Total Conference Society membership 15,173. Net gain 1103.

Mrs. Tidwell then presented Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., who told us some things to do to improve our Woman's Society. She reminded her audience that all work is done on the local level.

The program is a problem in most Societies. Bringing the program alive seems to be a hard job. So the Division has recommended that a study be made every year of the Woman's Society programs.

The Promotion secretary draws a picture of the local Society every quarter. If the picture isn't good, she should see that better features are used. If you aren't gaining, the treatment must be changed. In America we have 6350 unorganized churches; in the South Central Jurisdiction 1350; in Louisiana 87. Let us work to remedy this situation.

Also the situation with our Missionary personnel is appalling. In this Jurisdiction, we must have 100 new workers to even staff the present institutions, and projects. She closed by asking that we make this organization worthy of our work.

The chairman of the Committee on Journal, Mrs. Robley Davis, reported that the Minutes had been read and found correct.

The hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" was sung. Mrs. Robley Davis, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service presided the next hour. She spoke, first, of the School of Missions. The schedule in full will be found with her report.

Under the theme "Serving Thee Whom We Adore." Mrs. Davis presented the following workers, under the Woman's Division, within our State.

Miss Pearlye Maye Kelley, Student Counsellor at Louisiana Tech., spoke of prayer groups from the student's point of view. Prayer times vary, but at Tech. it is 7:30 a.m. Then they not only pray but study, and learn that the important thing is "In the beginning God." She said they pray about personal problems, about the Center, and other local affairs, and things throughout the world. She said "We try to make them not be molded in conformity, but transformed to a better way of life."

Miss Ann Adams, Student Counsellor at Northwestern State College, said "We are leading students to be Christians for God's sake, not for the sake of their future jobs." She had been asked to tell about deputation teams. She told how groups of students went out on caravans, work camps, etc. All of these are missionary projects. She told about one group who went at Christmas time to a country church and helped build and light their first nativity scene, thus helping the students realize their responsibility to the church.

Rev. Robert Parrott of Southwestern Louisiana Institute said students are both mystical and practical. Untouched youth is our total responsibility. As to the social and race relations on a campus with 85 negro students, he said that a few of them are Methodist, and come to the Student Center. The relation is cordial and with some participation in the activities at the Center.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Deaconess, noted growth in rural work. In the Jurisdiction there are 222 churches which have less than 100 members. She compared country life and city life, bringing out that we all still like to do things like grandpa did. But we must have new methods of doing things. Sometimes rural people must be led; other times you walk together, but finally they lead you, which is as it should be.

Mr. Carl Brunson, Dulac Indian Mission, said that people ask him "What are you doing at Dulac, since the State has taken over the school?" His answer is. "We are serving God by serving people." There is a Community Center, and a class for physically handicapped. But the greatest use is the recreation center. There is no recreation besides the dance hall and saloon, except that furnished by the Center. Home visits are important to let people know you care. They now have a registered nurse two days each week. The Indians are slow to take to new ideas. A Community Center is a new idea, so they must be led carefully.

Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Kindergarten teacher at Peoples Community Center, New Orleans reported that her Center is a pioneer in that field, furnishing day care for children whose mothers must work. At present, there are 114 children in this department. The care of these children is made possible by the help of the Woman's Division and the abundant supplies from the local Societies.

Miss Fae Daves, head resident at St. Marks' Community Center, New Orleans, said they have so few workers that one cannot draw a line as to where their duty begins or ends. Everybody does everything. Service involves love, real love, for people, not just toleration. This is a Community Center serving many races and creeds. They have a Day Care Center for 34 children between the ages of 2½ and 5 years. The greater part of the program is recreation and club or group work.

A new camp site has been purchased, consisting of 23 acres, on the Tchefuncta River, near Covington. It has a good seven room residence, with running water, screened porches and the major pieces of furniture, but many small things are needed. She urged the women to continue to send in their coupons for this project.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey made the introductions of distinguished guests, Louisiana Woman's Society former officers, ministers, and their wives.

Mrs. Geo. W. Carter, president of the Central Jurisdiction brought words of greeting from her Jurisdiction.

Rev. C. C. Neel, president of Haygood Institute, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, made a plea for his school in a new venture in the development of religious leaders. A collection was taken at the door.

Announcements were made by Mrs. S. W. Plauche. A vocal solo: "Abide With Me" was sung by Mrs. Fred Shirley.

The Quiet Hour followed with Miss Margaret Billingsley, Executive Secretary for Korea, Japan, and The Philippines. She used as her subject "Grant us wisdom." She asked "Is this our prayer?" It is so greatly needed in every phase of life. We need wisdom to meet every day needs. It is something that is acquired; it is never handed down from another generation. To gain wisdom we need to know; to be informed; we need good judgment; we need concern; we need a loving heart; we need the ability to sympathize with others, yet not become emotional. We can become in tune with God's world, and use each day wisely. If we face each confidently we shall gain wisdom.

She closed with prayer, which was the dismissal for lunch.

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON

At 12:30 p.m. a Sacrificial luncheon was served in Fellowship Hall by the Iowa and Raymond Societies. The program for the occasion, entitled "The Abiding Presence" was presented by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The invocation was offered by Rev. Carl Lueg. Quiet music followed.

1. LOOK AT THE CROSS
   Hymn interpretation "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" by Mrs. Carl Lueg.
   Solo "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," Mrs. Fred Shirley.
2. LOOK AT THE CROSS OF TRIUMPH
   Prayer—Mrs. W. W. Paxton.
3. LOOK AT THE CROSS OF LOVE
   Poem: "A Cross of Flowers"—Miss Barbara Terry.
   Solo: "O Divine Redeemer"—Mrs. Fred Shirley.
   Message: "The Abiding Presence"—Mrs. Paul Martin.
4. LOOK AT THE CROSS OF SERVICE
   Poem and Litany.

Benediction—Bishop Paul E. Martin.

An offering was taken to be used to purchase an item of equipment for Vellore Christian Medical College in India. It amounted to $1,117.35.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn "God of Grace," verses 1-3-5. Mrs. Chas. F. Goldthwait presided during the Christian Social Relations Hour.

Students from the Dramatics Department of McNeese State College presented a playlet entitled "Whom Shall We Welcome," under the direction of Miss Marjorie Wilson. The playlet concerned the refugee settlement problem. Those taking part were: Betty Jean Matthews, Charles Burrows, Patrick Ilyoub, Joan Adams, and Bruce Brown.

Mrs. Goldthwait then presented Miss Margaret Billingsley, who continued her discussion of the morning, using "Lest We Miss Thy King-

dom's Goal." She brought out that there is hardly a family in Korea who has not lost someone or something. Thousands are living in box-like homes no bigger than a piano box. Even those who have returned to their homes are still refugees for there are no homes to go back to, only familiar surroundings.

We cannot bring these refugees to America, we must go to them, and find homes and schools and churches for them. The need for missionaries is great. Where once there were 100, there are now 24 in Korea.

The hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung. Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications presented Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Editor of the Methodist Woman. She used as her topic "The Indispensable Woman." She said we learned a long time ago that there is no indispensable man, but in Methodist circles there is an indispensable "Methodist Woman." Using the vowels of the alphabet, she suggested that Methodist women as well as The Methodist Woman should have similar qualities.

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Immediately following was an Officers Training Hour, under the direction of the Louisiana Woman's Society Officers.

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DINNER

At six o'clock p.m. a sumptuous dinner was served in Fellowship Hall by the ladies of the Episcopal Church. The tables were gay with mixed flowers on tables and stage.

The blessing was asked by Bishop Martin.

Following the meal, the program was under the direction of Mrs. James T. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, and Mrs. D. W. Poole, Secretary of Student Work, who presented the Mounting Opportunities of Service in 1955. Mrs. Harris welcomed the guests and introduced visitors. She then made mention of the mounting need for workers of all kinds in both home and foreign fields.

Mrs. D. W. Poole introduced a skit given by students from the Wesley Foundation of McNeese State College, which developed the theme of opportunities unlimited. Those who participated were: Joe Grout, Olive West, Eva Cartwright, Aileen Robinson, Charlotte Doane, and Lamar Robinson. The playlet depicted the various doors of service open to students during vacation time. The presentation concluded with the singing of the "Lord's Prayer" by Olive West, which served also as a benediction.

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THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Following the organ prelude, the hymn "Walk In The Light" was sung. The McNeese College Choir under the direction of Mr. Fred Probst sang three numbers: "O Rejoice Ye Christian Loudly"; "To Thee We Sing"; and "Roll, Jordan, Roll".

The scripture for the evening was read by Rev. Carl Lueg, using Luke 24:13-35. He offered prayer.

Following the offertory, Mrs. C. I. Jones presented Mrs. C. A. Meeker, editor of the Methodist Woman, who used as her subject "Certain Women." She said that the women in Luke 24 were **certain** women, not just some women. They were positive, sure and confident.

She reviewed the early history of the development of Women's Work, with all their hardships and handicaps, but because they were **certain** women, we have a rich heritage and we must continue their work. She reminded her audience that certain women who are confident and committed can change the situation as to social drinking.

She urged each woman to go home and not just make a report, but to astonish people with their certain knowledge.

The hymn "O Young And Fearless Prophet" was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Carl Lueg.

FRIDAY MORNING
MARCH 18, 1955

A delightful coffee hour was enjoyed, a courtesy of the ladies of First Methodist Church.

An air of worship pervaded the Sanctuary as the organist played quiet music.

The hymn "The Voice Of God Is Calling" was sung.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, president, presented Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Secretary of Supply Work of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, who led the devotional period. She used as her topic "Guidance for the Living of These Days." It was based on "Be still and know that I am God". She said we plan for everything about our day except time with God. Instead of asking God for help, we are inclined to say "Listen God, I'm telling you". She suggested we should take some spiritual vitamins.

A — Acceptance—Him that cometh unto me;

B — Belief

C — Consecration

D — Determination to know nothing but Christ.

E — Endurance—don't give up.

She closed with prayer.

Mrs. Jones then presented Mrs. George W. Dameron, a member of the Board of Missions, who spoke on "Methodism's Magnificent Mission". She said that John Wesley gave Methodism a mission and a field. The mission—a warm heart; the field—the world.

Early in January she attended the first assembly of all Methodist agencies, and mentioned some of the Boards of the church:

1st: The Board of World Service. This Board, as the name suggests carries on work all over the world. The total giving to this Board was $70,000 in 1940, but was $315,000 in 1953.

2nd: The Historical Society—will publish the works of Francis Asbury soon.

3. Commission on Chaplains. There are 517 chaplains to folks away from home—mostly military personnel.

4. Board of Hospitals and Homes. This Board manages the many hospitals and Homes of the Church.

5. The Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief. An answer for suffering people everywhere.

6. Board of Temperance. Seeks to lift voice against drinking.

7. Board of Social and Economic Relations. Seeks to build an atmosphere of mental hospitality.

8. Board of Missions. Through this Board, we carry out the commission of a warm heart.

Because of the Bishop's Appeal for Korea, the blind see, and the lame walk.

The Committee on Journal, Mrs. Robley Davis, Chairman, reported that the Minutes had been read and found correct.

Three names were submitted by the Executive Committee to be suggested to the Jurisdiction as suitable material for membership on the Board of Missions. They were Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, and Mrs. C. I. Jones. They were unanimously elected.

The Conference Officers lifted special points from their recommendations.

Mrs. Goldthwait called attention to the recommendation concerning a bill relative to military training, and suggested that we write our Congressmen opposing it. She read the following resolution:

"Whereas the Methodist Church, by act of its General Conference opposes all forms of gambling as a menace to business integrity, a breeding ground for crime, the destruction of the interests of good government, and a demoralizing influence throughout all society, and

"Whereas the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church, is concerned that all forms of gambling be eliminated from the life of our State,

"Be it therefore resolved that we, assembled here in session of the Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Lake Charles, Louisiana, record our opposition to the legalizing of any form of gambling, particularly to the legalizing of gambling for charity and church revenues.

It is further resolved that we oppose the establishment of any race track within the bounds of our State, particularly the one proposed for Calcasieu Parish.

We call upon our Governor and legislators to make illegal any para-mutuel betting.

"We wish to commend our public officials who have been vigorously attempting to enforce the laws within our State."

Mrs. Goldthwait moved its adoption, it was seconded and adopted.

The treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McSween, called attention to those recommendations concerning an increase in pledge, and that concerning giving Youth memberships.

The Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Tidwell, called attention to those recommendations that concern enlisting new members.

Mrs. Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, asked that each Society elect a secretary for her department, and see that she has a handbook, the Fifteenth Annual Report, and subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook.

Mrs. Davis, Missionary Education secretary said that it has been suggested that in overlapping Jurisdictions the District Seminars should be carried to the other Jurisdiction. She suggested that each District give another day to their Seminar and take it to the Central Jurisdiction, if they desire it.

Mrs. D. W. Poole, Secretary of Student Work, asked that something be done about each recommendation, for all were important. Mrs. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel announced that Miss Geraldine Hunt from Haynesville is now doing Rural Work at Johnson City, Tennessee; that Anna Givens, former J-3, will go back to Japan as a regular missionary in August; that Patsy Alexander flies to South America on April 18; that Jo Ann Richardson, who is graduating at Centenary this year, will go to Scarritt this summer for six weeks training to become a US-2; that Miss Shelia Nuttall is returning to Louisiana Conference Rural Work, and will work in St. Tammany Parish, with headquarters at Covington.

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary of Children's Work said we must plant the seed while they are children if we want missionary personnel when they are grown.

Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, Secretary of Supply Work said that new askings would be ready soon. She noted that the T.S.C. Motor Lines have taken packages all over the State free of charge.

Motion was made by Mrs. E. N. Jackson, and seconded that the recommendations be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick reported for the Rural Advisory Committee. She called attention to the purpose of the study of rural churches. She mentioned the various types of work being done in this Conference, some of which have been written up in recent issues of the Methodist Woman, the World Outlook and the Louisiana Methodist. She announced a Convocation for Rural Workers in Bloomington, Indiana, in July.

Invitation for next year's meeting place was called for. Mrs. Andrew

L. Thomas offered an invitation to meet in First Methodist Church, Shreveport in 1956. The invitation was accompanied by letters from the pastor, Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., and the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. R. Z. Biedenharn. The invitation was accepted.

An offering of thanks to the janitors for their services was taken.

A telegram of greetings from the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, was read.

Mrs. J. H. McSween presented the matter of raising the Cultivation fund from 50c to 60c. It is a matter that requires a change of by-laws, but in order to change it for the coming year, the matter was put to a vote, and it carried.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild was introduced by Mrs. Jones. She answered many of our questions in her talk "Why the Wesleyan Service Guild". She said that the Guild is a distinctive part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Because of the fact that they are employed women, they must meet at night or on week-ends, at a time convenient to a working woman. Certain projects are allocated to the Guild by the Board of Missions. She reviewed the Who and When and Where and Why as to purpose and membership.

Verses 1-2-and 3 of "God of Grace and God of Glory" were sung.

"That we fail not Man nor Thee" was given by three voices. The first voice, the Voice of Need, was spoken by Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, Secretary of Supply Work. This is the second mile giving. Only the voice of love can fill the needs of our mission projects. Louisiana Woman's Society gave $11,235 for Supply Work the past year.

The second voice, the Voice of the Child, was given by Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary of Children's Work. She said, "I am the Voice of the Child. What I am, the world will be tomorrow. You hold in your hand what I shall be. Train me, I beg, to take my place in the world."

The third voice, the Voice of the Treasurer, Mrs. McSween. Money talks with a universal voice. The money of the Woman's Society represents our love of God. She reported about three-fourths of the pledge had been met.

Special music, "Peace I Leave With You", was sung by the Lyric Singers of Lake Charles.

The pledge service "Giving for the living of these days" was conducted by Mrs. McSween, assisted by the District Treasurers: Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, Mrs. Paul Lasseigne, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. Otis Welch, and Mrs. J. T. Eubank.

The pledges were:

Alexandria	$ 8,620.00	Monroe	$16,398.00
Baton Rouge	14,100,00	New Orleans	12,188,00
Lafayette	7,188,00	Ruston	13,060.00
Lake Charles	11,264,00	Shreveport	19,500.00

Total Amount pledged: $102,318.00

The Resolutions were read by Mrs. Philip Holland, Jr., as follows:

"We, the delegates and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in session in Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 16-18, 1955, wish to express our deep appreciation for the spiritual inspiration we have received.

Especially do we thank the hostess Society, First Methodist Church, and University, Maplewood, Sulphur, Westlake, Iowa, Raymond, Oak Park and Simpson, their pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Lueg, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Shirley and the District Superintendent Rev. Karl Tooke and Mrs. Tooke, and the staff of First Methodist Church for their cooperation toward making this a most successful meeting.

We recognize and appreciate the consecrated leadership and service

of our new president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, and the members of the Executive Committee.

We appreciate the courtesies extended the Executive Committee prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting. For the efficient services of the pages, the refreshing coffee hours, the buffet luncheons, transportation and hospitality extended guests, the lovely table decorations, flowers throughout the Educational Building and the Sanctuary, and the inspirational worship centers, we are indeed grateful.

We extend special thanks to the Presbyterian and Episcopal ladies for preparing and serving the lovely dinners.

We are most heartily grateful for the inspired work of the Program Committee in developing the theme "For the Living of These Days". We would include our thanks to Mrs. Jack Myers for designing the attractive and artistic cover of the program.

The inspiring messages brought by our guests and speakers, Bishop Paul E. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Miss Margaret Billingsley, Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, and Mrs. Minza Rabun, have filled us with new enthusiasm and strength to accept our responsibilities. We welcome our new workers: Miss Ann Coucoules, Miss Hazel Cooper, and Miss Lelia Robinson.

To the organists, the First Methodist Choir, the McNeese State College Choir, and to Mrs. Fred Shirley, soloist, and to the Lyric Singers, we express our thanks for their inspirational music.

A playlet "Whom Shall We Welcome" presented by McNeese College students, brought us an informative message about the refugee resettlement problem, and we want to thank these students and their director, Miss Marjorie Wilson.

We extend special thanks to the McNeese Wesley Foundation students who participated on the program Thursday night.

To the general chairman, Mrs. S. W. Plauche, her committees and to all those who have so generously contributed their time and talents toward making this a most outstanding Annual Meeting, we extend our thanks.

Our lives have been enriched by the inspirational messages and reports of officers. We rededicate our lives for the Living of These Days, that the Kingdom of God may be realized."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Philip Holland, Jr.
Mrs. Maurice R. Tatum
Mrs. Clinton Bradford

Mrs. S. W. Plauche, general chairman, introduced her committees. A vote of thanks was extended them.

A vocal solo, "Awake, Awake, To Love and Work", was sung by Mrs. Fred Shirley.

Miss Margaret Billingsley was presented for the closing Quiet Hour. She used as her subject "Grant Us Courage." She said Courage is an antidote. Fear is an enemy; Courage gives us strength. She gave us a vision of some courageous people of Japan, who are too numerous to feed themselves, and the population is increasing. We work through a United Church in Japan. It will soon celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into that country. We contribute to 14 girls schools. Miss Billingsley told about the workers from Louisiana, in Japan, and brought us up to date on their work.

In Korea it is hard to get the correct number of Christians. In Korea 24 out of 25 claim no religious preference. The Christian in Korea is a shining example of courage and hope. She mentioned many

phases of the work and their needs. She closed with a plea to mothers to help their daughters find a place of full time Christian Service.

Rev. Carl Lueg pronounced the benediction. The president sounded the gavel, and declared the fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service closed.

A delightful buffet luncheon was served the departing guests by Oak Park and Simpson Woman's Societies.

Approved:

Mrs. Robley Davis
Mrs. W. C. McDonald
Mrs. J. T. Eubank

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Rec. Sec'y
Mrs. C. I. Jones, President

Immediately following the close of the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met and unanimously ratified the election of Mrs. A. F. Hanson as Secretary of Status of Women.

The Committee was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, President

Mrs. Elmer E. Stewart, Rec. Sec'y

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

By Mrs. C. I. Jones

This has been a memorable year. My heart, mind and life have been constantly filled with humble searching for God's will. I read in the Interpreter's Bible that Faith is a loving trust in, and willing submission to God. If we respond to Him as our Father, righteous in will and loving in purpose we commit ourselves in humility to a relationship which only He can make possible not we ourselves. I am reminded of J. B. Phillips' beautiful translation of the twelfth chapter of Romans, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands, and moves towards the goal of true maturity." (To be mature Christians—that is our goal.)

I have always attended Church Meetings; my grandparents started a Methodist Church, and I have felt it a real privilege and joy to attend the many Meetings afforded this year.

The wonderful Fourth Assembly was held in Milwaukee where the theme was "Jesus Christ—The Way", where Bishop Newell Booth deeply touched our hearts with his devotionals on "Greater Works", where Bishop Bromley Oxnam said, "Peace is like bread—it must be made fresh daily"—where Dr. Ralph W. Sockman challenged us with his message to youth and Bishop Arthur J. Moore inspired us when he commissioned twenty-six girls and sent them forth to serve. One of those new Deaconesses is attending our Conference and will tell us of the work at Sager-Brown Home and Godman School at Baldwin.

Our own Louisiana Annual Conference followed four days later, then the next week came the joy of organizing a new eighth District in our Woman's Work: the Lafayette District.

We journeyed to Mt. Sequoyah two weeks later for the Jurisdiction School of Missions, followed by the Missionary Conference and Jurisdictional Board of Missions. There we thrilled at hearing Dr. Chris Jensen, who having spent 35 months in Communist prisons, told us that he had never once prayed for himself, but had prayed for the GI's and Korean prisoners. He also said, "Don't you ever send another soldier away from the United States unless he is a Christian." We were delighted to meet two Crusade Scholars from India, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Finch, who are soon to return as Missionaries to their own people.

Next I made a quick flight to Lake Junaluska to attend their splendid School of Missions of the Southeastern Jurisdiction as a fraternal delegate from this Jurisdiction. Then in close succession I attended Dr. E. Stanley Jones' Ashram at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; next our excellent Conference School of Missions at Centenary College; then sixteen wonderful days at the momentous World Council of Churches with the theme "Jesus Christ the Hope of the World". At the National Methodist Family Life Conference in October, Bishop Bromley Oxnam described the World Council as the most outstanding meeting ever held in America.

Also in October, the Midyear Executive Meeting was held in Bunkie, where we were beautifully entertained. At this time your Conference Officers enthusiastically reported the excellent work you are all doing, and your fine attitudes of cooperation and loyal support.

Patsy Alexander, commissioned in January, goes to Montevideo, Uruguay, to teach at Crandon Institute, having majored in Spanish and Home Economics. Margaret Wade Campbell took training last summer for three years Missionary Service and is now in Monterrey, Mexico. Margaret Wade has sent lovely slides of her work which we plan to

show at our Conference School of Missions August 8-12 at Centenary College. Anna Givens who went as a J-3 to Kagoshima, Japan, has spent the past two years in further training at Scarritt College, and is now applying to go as a full-time Missionary back to Japan. Two girls graduating from Centenary and one from McNeese are making application for U. S. 2 work. Geraldine Hunt is now teaching music at Johnson City, Tennessee, as a U.S.2.

I shall ever be grateful to our beloved Mrs. Glenn Laskey for encouraging me to go on the trip around the world, for, as she said, while those at home were preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, I would be afforded the rich opportunity of meeting with many Methodists and Missionaries in their Churches, Schools and Community Centers in far off lands. How heartening it was to worship in native Churches. In the United Church of Japan in Kobe, the native language was used, but when the Communion Service was read, I knew what they were saying, and I was deeply moved as I knelt with Mrs. John Cobb, the Missionary, and many Japanese Christians as we re-dedicated our lives to service to the Master. A sense of great reverence filled the Church as we worshipped together.

Later, we walked to Palmore Institute, which was started in 1886 by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambuth after thirty fruitful years in China. We ate lunch in the quonset hut that serves as the parsonage and took pictures of the only building of the school remaining since the bombing. At the close of the war Palmore had re-opened in rented quarters. In 1948 the Board of Missions sent six prefabricated houses to serve as classrooms. The great need now is for a Chapel.

In Tokyo, at Aoyama Gakuin, which is one of our Supply Projects for this coming year, a building program has been started for their nine thousand pupils from primary through college and graduate schools.

After skirting the tip of Formosa, where our ship battled with tail winds of the typhoon, "Ruby", we arrived next morning at Hongkong. My heart was warmed, for Mrs. Ralph Ward and Mrs. Sid Anderson had obtained ship's passes and had come aboard to welcome me. You will remember Mrs. Sid Anderson as the wife of the Missionary minister of Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai, and she was once Louisiana's Conference guest.

The new North Point Church and Wesley Village for refugees in Hongkong which we have seen in pictures in the World Outlook, brought out the story that Bishop and Mrs. Ward spend half their time in Formosa and half in Hongkong, and that many Methodists have left all their possessions in communist China and come out in order to be able to worship as Christians.

In Manila it is a happier picture, for many Churches have been rebuilt. I attended the Central Methodist Church which is larger than my beloved Rayne Memorial. It was filled, and when I closed my eyes I felt that I must be in a large American city Church. The robed choir of fifty trained voices in processional, and the music of pipe organ lent dignity and beauty to the service. The Missionary choir director was an excellent musician. The Missionary Minister, Rev. Charles Mosebrook of St. Paul, Minnesota, pronounced the benediction. The service was entirely in English. Dr. Rajah Manikam, of Madras India, Far Eastern Secretary of the International Missionary Council delivered the sermon. He was returning from the World Council in Evanston. The Harris Memorial School, in the same block, had a lovely new building. At Mary Johnston Hospital, also a new building, Elston Rowland proudly showed me the new Chapel and the new Nurses Home.

It was delightful to be invited into a home for lunch, and I learned that the first President of the Philippines Republic had been her brother-in-law and that Mrs. DeLeon, my hostess, had served four years as a Representative in their Congress. Madeleine Klepper took me to see her Methodist Social Center, which also has a Clinic and school in the heart of Manila. We drove out to the new University to meet Dick

and Mary Bush, Directors of Student Work, who were having a party for a student choir. Madame Perez, President of the Philippine Wesleyan College, Cabanatuan, took me to her beautiful home and presented me with white orchids which she picked in her garden. Madame Perez was just as pretty and charming as I remembered her in Milwaukee, when she gave an address at the Assembly. She has the distinction of having been the first woman to serve on the President's Cabinet of the Republic of the Philippines.

I also found Wesley Church in Singapore crowded to capacity, and the congregation worshipped devoutly in an altogether beautiful service. It was a great treat to occupy the guest room of the Bishop's house, for Dr. and Mrs. Hobart Amstutz were living there. Mrs. Amstutz and I visited the Methodist Girl's School of Singapore, which is another Supply Project of the coming year. The School is growing, and it's newest building needs to be equipped. It was Parent's Day, and many lovely exhibits were on display. I brought some samples of their handiwork for you to see. It was stimulating to find that the Fairfield Girl's School, which is in another section of the city, was in the midst of a building program, a result of Supply gifts. The Principal enthusiastically explained the plans so that I could visualize the new building and all that it would mean in providing room for more pupils. Martha Faye White, formerly of Fairfield, had gone to the Hiroshima Girl's School in Japan, which is desperately in need of more music teachers.

The following morning I boarded an eight o'clock plane and flew to Kuala Lumpur, which is the capital of Malaya, and was met by Allen Jernigan who took me in his car on a forty mile drive through the rubber jungles to the Jernigan home in Seremban, capital of it's state. I found Linnie Lou and the boys at their pretty two-story home across from Allen's Church and a large, excellent Anglo-Chinese School. His recent letter asked that some students about to graduate, or Wesleyan Service Guilders should plan to come over to teach in that school of 600 morning pupils and 600 afternoon students. Chemistry and English teachers are needed. I met their twelve teachers, but they need more, and Allen hopes some of our Louisiana young people will answer the call. I am sure they would be thrilled by the opportunities of Christian service there with Allen and Linnie Lou. I enjoyed the Louisiana lunch in their home, and the drive back with them to the Evangelical Church parsonage in a new village where I transferred to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lundy's car and drove back to Kaula Lumpur to see another Wesley Church, Methodist Boy's School, Methodist Girl's School and parsonage, then I flew back to Singapore. The Lundys are a charming young Missionary couple from Virginia. At Penang, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson came to the ship. We had traveled together in '53 on the Queen Elizabeth when they were returning to Malaya. They took us to see the Anglo-Chinese School for boys, another for girls, the dormitories, church and parsonage on beautiful Penang Island.

In Ceylon, I attended the five o'clock church service which was in English, and enjoyed sitting just back of the 100 boarding pupils of the 800 girl's School on this compound. There is also a very large Methodist School for boys nearby. These are British Methodist institutions and are all self-supporting. The Church and School property are on the shore of the ocean in a beautiful setting. I saw Kingswood College at Kandy, seventy miles inland, and a Community Center with a baby Creche and school for orphans in the poorer district of Colombo.

In Bombay, India, I visited with Miss Jennie Blasdell in regard to the twenty-two Methodist congregations of three thousand Methodists in that city and she also told me of the Marathi Evangelistic Work.

Two chartered planes took us from Bombay to New Delhi, and as we looked down upon the Indian desert we sighted two camel caravans, one fording a stream. At Dehli, I had fun watching the happy little girls proudly posing for pictures taken in front of the new red brick dormitory

built with Week of Prayer Offerings. Miss Helen Buss, Evangelistic Missionary in the Delhi Conference is now serving as Principal of the Butler Memorial Girl's School for 800 girls, until a new Missionary comes out to take charge of the School, so she can return to the Evangelistic Work which she so loves. Here is another opportunity for a trained teacher who could serve as Principal of a School. Miss Buss served high tea to Miss Gladys Doyle and me. What a privilege it was for me to know these wonderful Missionary women. Gladys Doyle has the sweetest eyes I have ever seen, and the children adore her. She is Supervisor of forty-one Village Schools with her headquarters at Moradabad, where we have been sending Supply money all this year. That is where the brass elephant bells are made—in Moradabad.

Margaret Johnson came to see me from Ajmer, and she is the first trained Occupation Therapist in India. Margaret, who has only been a Missionary a year, is working in the Madar Union Sanatorium, which is an Interdenominational Hospital. Our Woman's Division has just built a new Nurse's Home. Margaret told us that wonderful surgery is restoring health to many tubercular patients. We enjoyed calling at the home of Bishop Pickett, whom our Bishop and Mrs. Paul Martin have visited. It was pleasant to visit with the lovely Mrs. Pickett. Next day we took a six hour drive to Agra and saw the wonderful Taj Mahal in the brilliant sunshine, and again in full moonlight, and we heard about the Methodist Holman Girl's School at Agra.

Next we flew to Karachi, Pakistan, where I visited the charming Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Smith. Their eleven year old son had just arrived home for Christmas vacation from Woodstock, that excellent School for the children of Missionaries, which I have been told is similar to our Mt. Sequoyah in the summer, when Missionaries go to that mountain resort in northern India, for change of climate and for study. The Brooke's Memorial Methodist Church was open each noon for prayer, and prayer groups were meeting at homes to undergird Dr. Frank Laubach's Literacy Campaign just starting in Pakistan the day I arrived. I saw his cards, for they are used by the Missionaries throughout the Orient. Near the Airport in Karachi where we arrived in this desert land, the Drigh Road School is held out of doors. Nearby a new Methodist Church has just been built and a metal airplane propeller forms the cross at the front of the sanctuary. All of these Missionaries were delightful people, thrilled with every waking minute by the opportunity of telling the story of God's redemptive love. A young couple, the J. Richard Lochmans had arrived that day from America and were en route to Knanewal, Pakistan, to help with irrigation projects. He was an agricultural engineer. I met wives of many Point Four workers who had been sent to Pakistan by our government to give technical assistance. There seems to be a great sense of urgency to send more and more Missionaries for although many of the leaders of the nations in the Orient are Christians or have Christian attitudes, so many of them having attended Mission Schools, since education opens the opportunities of leadership, yet, as is being said by scientists and statesmen alike, the masses must be educated and must have Christianity and Christian ideals in order to save the world from communism.

I cannot close until I tell you about Ebraham. As I walked up to the parsonage in Karachi with Mrs. Hoyt Smith, we saw him coming towards us and she told me his story later. He had become a Christian—they had taken his wife and little son away from him—and had beaten him. He was lonely, and he came every night to see his Missionary Pastor friend. He had his God, and his fine face radiated his joy, joy in his Christ.

During this past year, a most wonderful Missionary layman has gone to be with his Lord. Dr. John R. Mott used to say that the Lord was his North Star and that each day he charted the course of his life by the North Star. The Lord was his compass. As we traveled around the world, most of the time we were near the equator, within 18 miles at Singapore. Each day the Captain and Ship's Officers took the sextant

and charted their course from the position of the sun. I asked the Captain of the ship when we should see the Southern Cross, and he replied that this constellation was visible at four o'clock in the morning, so on several clear mornings we were called and went up to the Captain's bridge to get an excellent view. It was interesting to learn that it's highest star is almost directly above the South Pole, more nearly so than the North Star above its pole. And on earth it was not difficult to see the cross that our southern friends of the Orient are lifting for all to see, that our own Methodist Church is lifting to light the way for Christians around the world.

My last night in Karachi, the Missionaries took me to a Christmas Carol Concert at the Y.M.C.A. where I was inspired by the beautiful music of a well trained a cappella choir of all nations. And I thanked God for all Christians around the world who are lifting Christ's Cross for all to see; and who are telling by their lives, their words, their deeds of the living, loving Christ. And I prayed, "O God of Grace and Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown thine ancient Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days."

I was reminded of Bishop Arthur Moore's tribute to Missionaries, for you and I have heard this great evangel speak reverently of them. He has written in his book Central Certainties, "The most inspiring and comforting thing one sees anywhere in the wide world is the army of devout, patient, upright, hopeful missionaries. They have gone forth into far and lonely places of the earth, some of them to live among savage tribes, some of them to encounter ancient civilizations . . . No criticism embitters them, no disappointment sours them, no earthly glamour lures them from their lonely posts. God bless them all for their noble fortitude and invincible good temper. No trumpets sound their praise; they just live and labor to bring in the Kingdom of God--- a noble, courageous, gallant band of men and women who believe passionately in the gospel of Christ."

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK

The Vice President's responsibilities are wide and varied. As she guides the COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM she touches every woman in the society. Hers is the task of interpreting the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service with a personal challenge to self dedication to each woman. She must see that she is trained, not only in the work of the Woman's Society, but also in ways of interpreting that work in an interesting and challenging way.

Let us look at the duties of the Vice President.

1. She must assume the duties of the President in her absence.
2. She must actively assist in promoting the interests of all the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
3. She is a member of the Committee on Program. (She is chairman of the committee in the local society. In Conference and District the chairman is elected by the committee.)
4. She must promote the use of the Monthly Program and Worship Material. (1955-56 TO THE END OF THE EARTH)
5. She is to present information concerning the World Federation of Methodist Women.
6. She is to report quarterly.

With these duties in mind, We Recommend

1. That each conference set up specific plans for the training of the Vice President and the members of the Committee on Program so that they may more effectively interpret the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
2. That this training take place at Conference, District and Zone meetings, as well as in Officer training days in the local society.
3. That plans for this training be made by the Conference Officers who have corresponding offices in the local committee on Program so that soon after election the local officers will have opportunity for training.

We recommend for the Local Society

1. That the Committee on Program work as a unit in planning all programs and study.
2. That materials from the Woman's Division of Christian Service by used as a basis for all programs and study.
3. That the Pledge service be planned with the cooperation of the Treasurer of the society, and that where feasible she be asked to conduct the service.
4. That the committee meet quarterly with the leaders of the monthly programs to evaluate and make further plans for the society.
5. That the World Federation of Methodist Women be interpreted to the members of the local society so that they feel a part of this world wide fellowship of Methodist women.
6. That we give careful and thoughtful consideration to the Quarterly reports.

REPORT OF

CONFERENCE RECORDING SECRETARY

On June 1, 1954 we contracted with the Webster Printing Company of Minden, Louisiana, to print 700 copies of the Annual Report, at $5.40 per page, and $18.65 for the cover. The reports were delivered to me, at their office, on September 23, 1954, with the following invoice attached:

112 pages @ $5.40	$604.80
Cover	18.65
Cut for cover	9.90
Picture cuts @ $3.00 (2)	6.00
Tax	12.79
Total to printer	$652.14
Envelopes and stamps for mailing	55.09
Total cost	$707.21
40 copies sold for cash @ 50c	20.00
Final cost	$687.21

These were distributed as follows:

To the Woman's Division	2
Division president, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks	1
Secretaries of South Central Jurisdiction	18
Conference officers (2 each)	30
Ex officio members of Executive Committee	2
District officers	118
Local presidents	306
Zone leaders	20
Wesleyan Service Guild presidents	87
Members of Division and Jurisdiction	3
Conference Workers	9
Bishop Paul Martin	1
District Superintendents	8
Secretary of Louisiana Conference	1
Louisiana Methodist	1
Methodist Information	1
District Promotion Secretarys—five each	40
Sold for cash	40
File Copies	2
Balance on hand	10
	700

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. E. Stewart, Chairman

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey

Mrs. F. E. Kennon

Mrs. Lee Tidwell

Mrs. Minza Rabun

Committee on Annual Report

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committe recommends:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1955-1956 be $94,798.00, including a supplementary gift of $345.00 for Elizabeth Thompson.

2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference be:

Alexandria	$ 8,620.00
Baton Rouge	14,100.00
Lafayette	7,188.00
Lake Charles	11,264.00
Monroe	16,398.00
New Orleans	12,188.00
Ruston	13,060.00
Shreveport	19,500.00
	$102,318.00

3. That the budget for 1955-1956 be as follows:

Officers' expense	$ 750.00
Annual Meeting	900.00
Mid Year Executive meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	350.00
Conference School of Missions	500.00
Officers' Clinic at School of Missions	200.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	450.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
CSR Workshop	60.00
Annual Minutes	850.00
Student Regional Conference	75.00
Christian Career Clinics	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Co-operative Meetings	250.00
Deaconesses' Meeting	250.00
Officer Training Day	150.00
WSG Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	40.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	475.00
Miscellaneous	170.00
	$7,520.00

4. Methodist women gave more for missions last year than ever before. Yet we fell short two million dollars of meeting the crying needs on the foreign fields and one and one half million dollars short of meeting the needs in the home fields.

   In the light of these needs we recommend: First — That each member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana Conference look at her blessings, then prayerfully make her individual pledge in the light of the needs of the world.

   Second: That each Woman's Society take a good look at itself before making its pledge to the work of the Woman's Division. How much of the budget is kept at home for itself—how much is sent to meet the need of others? Then prayerfully ask the question, "Are we doing all we can to promote the Kingdom of God upon earth?"

5. Since the only workshop and clinic for treasurers during this quadrennium is to be held at our Jurisdiction School of Missions this summer, we recommend that all conference treasurers and as many district treasurers as possible be sent to Mt. Sequoyah in 1955.

6. Because the Woman's Division is cooperating in the quadrennial emphasis on youth, every effort is being made to make it possible for Secretaries of Youth Work to participate in meetings for adult workers with youth, it is recommended:

   That the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service encourage the district and local societies to provide a subsidy wherever necessary in order that the Secretary of Youth Work may attend the district and sub-district training sessions planned for February-May, 1955.

7. We recommend that every society consider giving one or more Youth Special Memberships.

8. We recommend the following which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division after special study:

   1. That money raised for cultivation purposes by both the W.S.C.S. and the W.S.G. be placed in one fund, to be used for the total program of the societies and guilds on the basis of need, with the understanding that the treasurer, (on district conference and Jurisdiction levels) will keep the record of receipts from each group separate on her books so that information on these totals may be available for both Guilds and Societies.

   2. That the Wesleyan Service Guild present its own plans for a cultivation program to a meeting of the Conference Committee on Finance, with the Conference Guild Secretary present to participate in discussions of plans for raising cultivation funds and for drawing up of budgets for the expenditures of such funds, this same procedure to be followed on both District and Jurisdiction levels, thus avoiding separate fund raising projects for cultivation of Guilds and Societies.

9. The Pledge Service is the responsibility of the program committee. However, since the treasurer is especially interested and informed on financial needs it is recommended by the Jurisdiction Executive Committee that the program committee, on the local, district and conference levels invite the treasurer to help plan this service and that the treasurer, wherever feasible be asked to conduct the Pledge Service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

June 9, 1954 - May 17, 1955

	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance 5-17-55
Check Mrs. Kennon	$4,957.07	$146,271.03	$148,224.05	$3,004.05
Savings—Rapides Bldg. & Loan				3,000.00
				$6,004.05
Designated Funds				
Alcohol Education		2,985.27	3,000.00	*14.73
Transient Funds		12.50	7.50	5.00
Cultivation Fund ..	$4,957,07	7,318.00	7,520.38	
Refunds to Cultivation:				
Dividend Rapides Building & Loan Association ..		60.00		
WSG Refund ..		8.05		
From Officer Training, Shreveport		129.73		

From Assembly		1.00		
Rural Worker's Car (from New York)		442.23		
Jurisdiction School of Missions		22.89		
Conference School of Missions		159.18		
Sale of Annual Reports		27.50		
Return of insurance on old car		37.68		
Refund on telephone calls by MacDonell		12.06		
Conference collection		314.65		
Refund on printing program annual meeting		4.12		
Check returned by Mrs. Horton		40.00		
	$4,957,07	$11,574.86	$10,527,88	$6,013,78

*From Cultivation

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:	**Total**	**Paid on**
Districts	**Pledged**	**Pledge**
Alexandria	$ 8,370.00	$ 9,647.13
Baton Rouge	13,850.00	15,181.29
Lafayette	6,938.00	7,491.34
Lake Charles	11,014.00	12,113,67
Monroe	16,148.00	15,114.27
New Orleans	11,938.00	12,361.71
Ruston	12,810.00	13,388.46
Shreveport	19,250.00	27,438.53
	$100,318.00	$112,736.40
Sacrifical Meal Annual Meeting		1,127.35
Guild Annual Meeting Love Gift		224.13
Total		$114,087.88
Children		533.27
MYF		3,739.90
Supplies		16,083.01
Week of Prayer		7,552.61
Supplementary, Lela Norris		6.00
Deaconesses & Retired Miss. Fund		10.00
Transient Funds		12.50
Alcohol Education Fund		2,985.27
Refunds to Cultivation		1,259.09

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$146,269.53
(Less reserve for cultivation $7,318.00)	
Balance in Bank as of 6-9-54	4,957.07
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	$151,226.60

Disbursements:

To Woman's Division of Christian Service:

WSCS Pledge	$74,610.70
In Remembrance	929.81
Jurisdiction Projects	1,860.03
Treasure Chests	4,033.01
Christmas & Lenten Offerings	90.55
Special Memberships	10,465.00
Christian Medical Hospital & College, Vellore, India	1,127.35
WSG Pledge	10,877,63
In Remembrance	134.50
Jurisdiction Projects	214.67

Treasure Chests	276.63	
Special Memberships	1,805.00	
TOTAL ON PLEDGE		$106,424.88
Children	533.27	
MYF	3,739.90	4,273.17
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS		$110,698.05
Supply Work WSCS		$ 13,713,29
Supply Work WSG		2,369.72
Supplementary Gifts:		
Lela Norris Scholarship	6.00	
Elizabeth Thompson	345.00	351.00
Week of Prayer WSCS		6,521.01
Week of Prayer WSG		1,031.60
Retired Missionaries & Deaconesses Fund		10.00
TOTAL TO WOMAN'S DIVISION		$134,694.67
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation ($14.73 from cultivation to make $3,000.00)		3,000.00
Rapides Building & Loan Association		3,000.00
Transient Funds		7.50

Conference Cultivation:

	Budgeted	Disbursed	
Officers Expenses	$ 800.00	$ 786.45*	
Annual Meeting	900.00	1,206.80*	
Executive Meeting	200.00	214.66	
Jurisdiction Meeting	350.00	369.07	
Conference School of Missions	350.00	395.28*	
Jurisdiction School of Missions	400.00	526.09*	
Christian Social Relations	300.00	250.00	
CSR Workshop	60.00		
Annual Report	700.00	707.14*	
Stationery	50.00	83.49	
Student Regional Conference	75.00		
Christian Career Clinics	200.00		
Automobile Insurance	225.00	37.68*	
Automobile Expense	200.00		
Conference Youth Director	600.00	500.00	
Cooperative Meetings	250.00	150.00	
WSG Cultivation	690.00	721.31*	**
Division Cultivation	40.00	32.74	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	525.00	458.32	
Officer Training	150.00	546.80*	***
Miscellaneous—			
Bonds	233.00	30.64	
Auditing (Mrs. Kennon)		150.00	
Elizabeth Thompson		296.00	
Title Certificate		1.00	
Margaret Wade Campbell		10.00	
Gift to Bishop & Mrs. Martin		46.91	
	$7,318.00	$7,520.38	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$148,222.55
Balance in Bank, May 17, 1955	3,004.05
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	$151,226.60

*Denotes refund to these accounts. See amount under "Designated Funds."

**WSG Cultivation does not include Jurisdiction or Conference School of Missions, which was charged to WSCS. Will be kept separate in the future.

***Officer Training includes expense for District Officers subsidized for Conference School of Missions August 1954 and Officer Training in Alexandria May 4, 1955, both in same fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer

May 20, 1955

PROMOTION REPORT

MRS. LEE TIDWELL, Secretary

While our gains have not been spectacular, we show a steady increase this year, with a total of 324 societies, a gain of 11 over last year. We have 87 guilds, at the last report. Lake Charles district is 100% organized, with a society, guild, district or circuit member in every church. A total of 79 district members in the conference shows an increase in organized churches in our conference.

A clinic and workshop were held at the Conference School of Missions, with 40 in attendance at each of these. Membership enlistment was stressed, and as a result, many programs of cultivation have been put into action throughout the whole conference. District and zone meetings have been well-planned, giving much help and inspiration.

It is our hope and prayer that every Methodist woman will become aware of the fact that she is potential "treasure" for the Kingdom, and can become a part of the work whose goal is that the Kingdom of God may be realized.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

1. That every effort be made to establish the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in each church and circuit or larger parish in our Jurisdiction by the organization of one of the following:
   a. A Woman's Society of Christian Service.
   b. A Wesleyan Service Guild.
   c. An individual member or group of members enrolled in a circuit society.
   d. A District Member or Members.
2. That every society carefully study the status of its membership and plan a program of visitation and cultivation, best suited to meet their need, to enlist new members and challenge the interest of the present membership.
3. That membership rolls be cleared only after the fourth quarter's report is finished, but before the first quarter's report is made, following closely the instructions given for "Reporting the Membership" as given on page No. 1 of the Record and Report Book, dropping quarterly only those members who have moved away, deceased, or asked that their names be removed, and adding quarterly the number of **new** members acquired.
4. That those members transferring from one society to another, from Society to Guild, or Guild to Society, and District Members becoming members of Societies or Guilds, be counted in the total membership only, and not in the column of "new" members.
5. That we continue to strive for 100% reporting—every society reporting each quarter to the District Secretary of Promotion.
6. That every local society be encouraged to have a Training Day for Officers soon after election, and that secretaries of promotion suggest visual aid materials, literature, and other helps available for interpreting the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

7. That there be a continuous effort towards Leadership Training—using meetings on conference, district, zone and local levels as opportunities for strengthening and developing potential leaders in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

8. That Secretaries of Promotion recognize our responsibility in the promotion of finances—giving the "Treasure Chest" increased emphasis as a means of raising the giving to Missions.

9. That Secretaries of Promotion on all levels maintain a close relationship with all officers in order that there might be uniformity in reporting and the greatest possible promotion of the total program "THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED."

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
The Methodist Church
Louisiana Conference

Organization:	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	37	54	23	27	54	37	44	48	324
Net Gain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
No. Guilds	11	12	5	12	12	8	9	18	87
Net Gain	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
No. Unorg. Circuits	16	10	6	0	9	5	7	1	54
No. Unorg. Churches	28	14	13	0	14	8	8	2	87
No. Soc. Rep.	37	54	23	24	50	33	44	48	313
% Reporting	100%	100%	100%	90%	93%	89%	100%	100%	96%
New Mem. W.S.C.S.	25	91	35	31	77	66	26	93	444
Tot. Mem. W.S.C.S.	1076	2019	1000	1352	1843	1459	1621	2861	13,231
New Mem. Guild	4	6	1	6	6	0	9	13	45
Total Mem. Guild	194	237	94	251	296	209	233	349	1863
Dist. Members	0	0	7	7	22	0	25	18	79
Total Adult Mem.	1270	2256	1097	1610	2161	1668	1879	3228	15,173
Net Gain Membership	8	106	27	—10	127	—24	—2	199	400
Secretaries									
Miss. Ed. & Service	37	44	22	24	45	29	42	48	291
CSR & LCA	36	46	22	24	48	31	42	48	247
Student Work	21	28	14	23	37	18	27	43	211
Youth Work	24	33	17	22	40	21	29	42	228
Children's Work	26	31	18	24	41	22	32	46	238
Spirit. Life	36	45	20	24	47	31	40	48	291
Lit. & Pub.	35	38	20	23	45	30	36	47	274
Supply Work	36	40	20	23	46	29	36	42	267
Status of Women	22	26	16	21	34	19	27	44	209
Committees:									
Spiritual Life	25	28	15	20	41	19	33	48	238
CSR & LCA	22	30	16	18	44	18	35	48	231
Program	27	33	20	23	45	21	38	48	243
Finance	22	30	15	21	44	22	29	47	230
Membership	16	22	14	17	39	21	24	45	198
Status of Women	14	15	12	11	28	13	14	43	146
Publicity	13	20	12	14	33	17	18	44	169
Finance									
No. Societies Sending Remit.	35	48	22	24	45	32	35	47	282
Sent Cash Supply	19	33	16	21	38	28	32	42	229
Sent Box Supplies	7	10	8	9	20	5	8	10	77
Subscriptions									
Methodist Woman	361	519	234	352	558	521	518	812	3,875
No. Soc. Every Off. Sub.	6	10	0	4	16	7	5	10	58
World Outlook	154	277	73	156	239	250	185	386	1,720
No. Soc. Every Off. Sub.	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	2	11
App. Study Courses	27	32	13	17	47	16	37	41	230
Prayer Group	23	20	6	9	28	19	18	32	155
Missionary Speakers	4	4	7	8	8	8	4	16	59

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

In spite of the loss of five societies, one guild, and over a hundred members to the Lafayette District, our district has managed to build itself back up toward its totals of a year ago. This has been done by the formation of five new societies and one new guild this year; Cheneyville, Chicot, Forest Hill, Grace, Olla, and a guild in Lecompte. These were very capably organized with the help of zone leaders, ministers, their families, and the guild secretary. Thus Alexandria District is able to report a total of 37 societies with a membership of 1076 and 11 guilds with 194 giving a total of 1270. We have reported 100% every quarter this year with local secretaries doing a splendid job of reporting on time.

Our district seminar in September was well attended and the studies very capably presented by one district and three conference officers. Our fall and winter zone meetings had record breaking attendance with most interesting programs, including a very informative panel on children's work. Our district conference in Bunkie, April 21, promises to be most inspirational with Mrs. Dana Dawson, Sr. as our speaker.

The district over paid its pledge to missions last year and is well on its way to meeting this year's pledge, with the hope that we can also pay our 7% increase. Supply askings have been met throughout the district and many boxes have been sent to our institutions. We have 23 societies reporting active prayer groups and 33 reporting approved studies. There are 361 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and 154 to World Outlook.

Each quarter, more societies are reporting additional sessions with children and more emphasis is also being put on Youth and Student Work. All societies are using the Program and Worship books and most have functioning program committees.

Alexandria District is proud of its officers and members and feels that the next year will bring even more into our glorious work "That The Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. W. Tebow

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

During the year of 1954-55, our District has placed emphasis on membership, with a net gain of 106 members. One new society, Tunica, was organized in October with 10 members. They have now grown to 21 members.

During the coming year we aim to stress the organization of new societies. The conditions in some of our churches are such that it would be definitely impractical to organize a society. In these churches we hope to secure District Members.

We feel that our most important contacts are being made in Zone meetings and visitation to local societies. The Secretary of Promotion has made many such visits this year. Zone meetings held in July featured reports of the Assembly given by the six district officers who had attended. The theme of the Zone meeting in February was "Treasures Are People."

The Seminar was held in Hammond during September with the largest attendance on record. All studies were presented by District Officers with one exception. This was presented by a former Conference officer residing in Baton Rouge.

Two Retreats held in October were well attended. Those attending received a deep spiritual blessing.

The Christian Career Clinic was replaced this year by a Vocation

Workshop for Youth, Workers with Youth and interested parents. New materials and visual aids were presented and instructions given for counseling with Youth in regards to Christian Vocations.

The highlight of the year was a Mission Tour for high school seniors, which was sponsored by the District and the local societies. Thirty-one young people availed themselves of the opportunity to make this tour. Our secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. John R. Oldham, and her husband acted as chaperones for the tour. Miss Elizabeth Thompson added much by her presence and by giving interesting information on our missionary projects and the opportunities for young people. Those who went on the tour certainly received great inspiration.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that more and more women will become aware of the needs of our day and will give of their time and talents that the Kingdom of God may be Realized.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. T. M. Ellis

District Promotion Secretary

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Lafayette District became a reality in June, 1955. The District WSCS was organized on June 10th in Lafayette at the First Methodist Church, with Mrs. C. I. Jones presiding. Later in the same month, the Wesleyan Service Guild was also set up in the District.

Under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Haug, our District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, the Seminar on Missions was held in Franklin with splendid interest and excellent results.

For the most part, this year has been spent by the officers in learning about their work and in getting accustomed to the new organization, and acquainted with the different societies. The officers have attended three zone meetings discussing their lines of work and answering questions concerning all phases of WSCS work. Three zones have been set up, with the anticipation of the fourth before the end of the year.

Reports have increased in number each quarter until we succeeded in having 100% reports for the first time in the third quarter. Our total membership is 1097 in 23 societies, 5 Wesleyan Service Guilds, and 7 District Members. There are 6 circuits and 13 churches unorganized in the District.

With the increasing concern for our youth, student work in our District has taken on new emphasis.

For the first 3 quarters of the year, the giving in this District has been $4207.79 toward missions, $611.92 for Supplies. We are hoping to pay our pledge in full before the year closes. As we round out our first year as a new District, we sincerely hope that the ground work has been laid for great work in the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George H. Thomas

Promotion Secretary

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

The formation of the new Lafayette District reduced the size of the Lake Charles District to 27 Societies, 8 District Members, and 13 Guilds. Our emphasis continues to be towards a well-informed mem-

bership through constant training. The Seminar was a successful one. Fall Zone Meetings were used to share the information obtained at School of Missions by local women and six District Officers who attended the School. Rev. J. C. Whitaker spoke on the World Council of Churches and a report of the Fourth WSCS Assembly was given by the District Delegates.

At the end of the third quarter the membership totals 1610, including 251 WSG—showing a gain of 58 this year. Our Pledge last year was overpaid and we are planning to meet it again this year. The new system of assigning Supply Work resulted in more consistent and equalized giving.

In my last report I want to thank my women for their interest and encouragement as, together, we have tried to do the Lord's work in His Name and for His Glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Roy Dugas

Promotion Secretary

MONROE DISTRICT

The women of the Monroe District have worked enthusiastically and diligently toward our quadrennial goals and special emphasis has been placed on Widening Fellowship.

In the 54 societies we have a total of 1843 members and 296 in 12 Wesleyan Service Guilds. Two new societies have been formed—one at Swartz Methodist Church, Swartz, Louisiana and the other made up of the younger women of Oak Grove where there already is a society. A night society has been reorganized at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe. We have 9 unorganized circuits and 14 unorganized churches.

There has been excellent attendance at all zone meetings with Zones 3 and 4 voting to have 4 zone meetings a year instead of the required 2 meetings.

Th educational seminar held in Bastrop was well attended and the studies were capably presented by one Conference officer, two District officers and two ladies from within the district. Literature sales amounted to $188.78.

The district has a total of 558 subscriptions to the Methodist Woman and 239 to the World Outlook. 16 societies reported every officer a subscriber to the Methodist Woman and 5 societies every subscriber to the World Outlook. The Week of Prayer and Self Denial and World Day of Prayer were observed throughout the district. Our district fully paid its conference pledge last year and is well on its way to meeting this year's quota. The district is working hard on the Treasure Chest plan and hopes to go over the top on its conference pledge again this year.

We humbly thank Him for helping us during the past year and pray that we will rise to new heights of Christian discipleship during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. T. Reynolds

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

If the report of each local society could be made the overall picture of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service it would be wonderful. As we listened to the reports of 28 of the 36 Presidents in

the District, at the Annual meeting, we realized how effectively the entire program of the Division is being carried out. Leadership training days were observed in the three zones, a well planned and well attended Seminar was held for both W.S.C.S. and Wesleyan Service Guild and a Visitation program has been carried on by the District Officers in an endeavor to visit every society in the District.

Two societies, St. John's at Destrehan and Bush are organized 100%. At then end of the third quarter, 37 societies reported a membership of 1663. This includes 206 members of 8 Wesleyan Service Guilds. There are 8 unorganized churches in 5 circuits. We are endeavoring to organize these churches and feel sure another year will see New Orleans District 100% organized.

Excellent study classes have been held in most of the societies and the number of J. R. classes has greatly increased. Attendance at the Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions has made for more efficient leadership of District Officers. More groups are realizing the need for Spiritual Life Cultivation, many prayer groups have been organized and the work of the Kingdom is being carried out effectively.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as Secretary of Promotion for the past four years in New Orleans District. My prayer is that we may work together in harmony and love and that God in His wisdom will use us for the furthering of His Kingdom and our societies for the enrichment of all life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. O. Willis

RUSTON DISTRICT

At the close of the third quarter of the Woman's Society year Ruston District gratefully brings these TREASURES to lay at the Master's feet.

PEOPLE ARE TREASURES. The total membership figure for the district now stands at 1879 with 65 new members enrolled. The number of district members has increased from 8 to 25. There are 44 Societies, 4 of which are new this year, and 9 Guilds. This report leaves only 8 churches and 7 charges unorganized. Our aim is to seek 100% organization before the end of the year.

STUDY CLASSES ARE TREASURES. Following an excellent Seminar in the Homer Church under the direction of the capable District Missionary Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Briehn, the Societies have studied in increasing numbers each quarter. The total groups having approved studies are 76. Figures show more organized prayer groups with 18 Societies actively participating in promoting Spiritual Growth in this way. Eleven Societies reported Missionary Speakers as a part of their programs.

SECRETARIES ARE TREASURES. In spite of the fact that the majority of the Societies of Ruston District are small in membership, twenty of the groups now have secretaries for all lines of work promoted by the Woman's Division. Twelve Societies have every committee functioning.

LITERATURE IS A TREASURE. The women of the district are reading the Methodist Woman in increasing numbers. Total subscriptions have advanced from 433 with 4 societies having all officers subscribers to 518 with 5 Societies having all officers on the subscription list. The World Outlook has also shown an increase from 158 to 185 with one Society having all officers as subscribers.

MONEYS ARE TREASURES. The able District Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Stevens has received $10,798.59 remitted by the Societies and Guilds. A breakdown of this figure shows $1,496.22 sent by the Guilds, $986.70 for Supplies, $1,007.03 for Week of Prayer Offering, and most

of the remainder paid in pledge for Missions. Ten Adult Memberships and four Baby Memberships have already been purchased.

REPORTS ARE TREASURES, TOO. The district has reported 100% for the second and third quarters of this year. At the close of the first quarter only 34 reports were submitted. Now the number stands at 44. The district will continue this high standard.

It would be unfair to present such a TREASURE of a report without a word of acknowledgment of and commendation for the very excellent work of Mrs. W. F. Manning, District Promotion Secretary for many years and until early February of this year. Ruston District is grateful for her untiring efforts.

Thus, the district looks forward conscious of the fact that WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Murphy Haley (Mrs. F. C.)

Promotion Secretary

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

This year has been one of important events, great and urgent responsibilities for Methodist women in Shreveport District.

It was my privilege to represent the District at the Assembly in Milwaukee and to share my experience with some 20 societies and guilds: 527 women, in 9 meetings.

Representative women attended National Conference on Family Life, Town and Country Meeting, and The World Council of Churches; each sharing with us.

"Chip Diamonds and Seed Pearls" from the pageant, was a feature of our 75th Anniversary District meeting. Mrs. Geo. W. Dameron, guest, speaking on: "Immortal Tidings in Mortal Hands."

Zone Chairman took us on a "Treasure Hunt" for new members, societies sharing ways and means—Mrs. Lee Tidwell and Mrs. C. O. Day leading us in our devotions with "Jesus Christ—The Way" and Mrs. John B. Entrikin giving us a close-up view of The World Council of Churches. "Report Time Dilemma", a skit, brought results in fuller and better reports. "We're holding the line—100%." East Point continues 100% organized in membership. The District lacks **only** 2 churches (Shiloh and Walker's Chapel), unorganized.

We now report 48 societies, 2 **new**, Cross Roads and Longstreet (reorganized); 2 **new**, with District members, Keatchie and Blanchard (Blanchard Society disbanded to our regret). 18 W. S. G. with a total adult membership of 3228; (W. S. C. S., 331 new; District 18; new 3; W. S. G., 349; 45 new) a net gain of 209. This is not enough. "IIIT'S", Fellowship meetings, new circles and prayer groups have helped. We will continue to seek people as treasures.

Progress is shown in lines of work: 100% in use of Program Material; 100% in secretaries; 96% Committees; many Study Classes—action from both programs and study classes; 812 subscriptions to The Methodist Woman, with 10 societies 100% in Officers and Secretaries subscribing or reading; 386 subscriptions to The World Outlook with 2 societies 100%. Increase in the use of Prayer Calendar, Fellowship of Intercession Cards, Prayer Groups with definite projects; a greater use of Missionary and other speakers.

An overall increase of finances, both missionary giving and C. S. R. and L. C. A. Treasure Chests, Special Memberships and gifts of Remembrance have been used widely. $16,726.41 has been paid on our pledge of $19,250.00; $1774.42 cash for supply work; $1,301.86 Week of Prayer Offering; **but only** $424.50 for Alcohol Education. (A weak spot.)

Progress is also shown in attendance at workshops, clinics, seminars and schools of missions for Leadership Training.

Miss Hazel Cooper heads our Business Girl's Inn with Mrs. C. O. Day as Chairman of the Board. Miss Elizabeth Thompson is -of invaluable help in a cooperative way, especially in rural areas. Our eyes are on the Pilot Charge. (Hall Summit.)

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Mrs. M. G. Bryant presented our work at the District Church Conference. Dr. B. C. Taylor and ministers have cooperated in a very fine manner.

The District Officers, Zone Chairman and resident Conference Officers are united in one great purpose—hearing the "Master Calleth for Thee" and answering: "Here Am I, **Use Me** That They May Have Life."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. C. McDonald
Promotion Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Secretary

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR FIRST THREE QUARTERS

	1953-54	1954-55
Local societies having secretaries	92%	96%
Local secretaries reporting on time	87%	86%
Local secretaries active on Program Committees	74%	80%
Local secretaries active on Finance Committees	54%	55%
Study Classes: Total number in W.S.C.S.	454	510
Total number in W.S.G.	51	60
JR for W.S.C.S.	77	131
JR for W.S.G.	10	19
Efficiency for W.S.C.S.	41	46
Efficiency for W.S.G.	2	2
No-Credit for W.S.C.S.	336	333
No-Credit for W.S.G.	39	39
Number attending Jurisdiction and Conference Schools	245	297
Number receiving Board of Education Credit	294	150

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That every society have a Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, since even the Modified Plan lists such secretary as one of the officers;
2. That all Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service report quarterly and annually, and ON TIME;
3. That every local society study all four approved study courses and that a greater number of these be Jurisdiction Recognition and Efficiency Classes;
4. That every local society cooperate with the pastor and Commission on Missions in the Church-Wide study;
5. That every local society study the Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service once each year;
6. That every local society form a Reading Circle (See pages 20 - 25 in your HANDOOK—Secretaries Missionary Education and Service);
7. In view of the fact that tours to nearby Woman's Division projects by the Woman's Society members have proved so popular and informative, we recommend that they be continued throughout this quadrennium, and that the local Secretary of Missionary Education and Service assist the local President in organizing and carrying out the tours;
8. Realizing that some districts and conferences overlapping the South Central Jurisdiction do not have a District Seminar nor a Conference

School of Missions of their own, and that in some instances distances are too great for them to attend their own if they have one, we recommend that all overlapping conference and district Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild members be invited to participate in our District Seminars and Conference School of Missions. This would benefit the two missions conferences of our jurisdiction and the Central Jurisdiction conferences overlapping ours.

9. In view of the above Comparative Report, we recommend that local secretaries of Missionary Education and Service **be active** on both **Program** and **Finance Committees.** (If the suggested study Calendar is not followed, then change the monthly programs to coincide with the study course.) (Include items in the budget for a delegate to Annual Meeting, and at least one person to attend School of Missions and Christian Service.)

1955 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

August 8 - 12, 1955

Dean: Mrs. Robley W. Davis
Chairman of Committee: Mrs. Wideman Watson

Theme: "CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD".

Courses and Instructors:

1. "The Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics":
   The Confessions of St. Augustine by St. Augustine
   The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis
   The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence
   A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life by William Law
   A Testament of Devotion by Thomas Kelly
   Mrs. George Sexton, Shreveport, Louisiana
   Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, Louisiana
2. "To Combine Our Efforts for Lasting Peace"
   Mrs. R. E. Dunn, St. Louis, Missouri
3. "American Indians"
   Mrs. W. E. Trice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
4. "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World"
   Reverend Joseph M. Connally, Dallas, Texas

Lines of Work Emphasized with Clinics for each:

President	Missionary Education and Service
Treasurer	Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities
Supply Work	Spiritual Life
Status of Women	Wesleyan Service Guild

Workshops:
Achieving Brotherhood through Stewardship of Possessions
Achieving Brotherhood through Better Community Living
Achieving Brotherhood through Wider Service of Women With the Church
Achieving Brotherhood through Creative Study

Platform Hour:
"Achieving Brotherhood through Christian Beliefs"
Dr. William E. Trice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Missionary Personnel:
Miss Charlie Holland, Japan, Retired
Miss Alexa McCain, served in India

REPORT CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

1954 - 1955

Because Christian Social Relations is one of the three major departments in the work under the Woman's Division, it covers a wide field, and the women of the Louisiana Conference have had much to do in every area.

Through the various projects of Local Church Activities they have cooperated in the whole church endeavor. Pastors everywhere rely on their help.

But we have gone farther afield in many ways. We have backed with our letters and various words of praise, the excellent job done by the Superintendent of State Police in enforcing gambling laws, and in cleaning up illegal gambling devices. We kept in touch with Legislators during the regular Session, on matters concerning child labor, the Youth Commission, school and other legislation, and we studied the amendments to the State Constitution offered to the citizens for decisions at the November Election. We opposed the Amendment offered to circumvent the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the schools.

We have carried out many projects related to our major theme, "The Things that Belong Unto Peace." We purchased and gave to each District Superintendent a copy of the "Christian's Primer on Technical Assistance and Land Reform". We sent the MYF Conference World Outreach Chairman, Malcolm Genet of New Orleans, to the Workshop on World Peace at Mt. Sequoyah. We bought for use in the Conference the filmstrip, "To Live as Good Neighbors". We have backed the Bishop's Crusade for World Order and have offered our resource materials to our Pastors. We have promoted action on World Trade and other phases of our foreign policy through the study, "That They May Have Life".

In each of these areas of work the Wesleyan Service Guilds have participated. They are going farther ahead each year as they learn the true meaning and importance of, Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait
Secretary

Financial Statement—Christian Social Relations

Balance on hand, October 12, 1954	$ 66.26	
Received, Conference Treasurer, February 15, 1955	100.00	
Total	$166.26	$166.26
Disbursements:		
Telegrams and Telephone	$ 7.90	
Stamps, stamped envelopes and mailing	18.16	
Mimeographing	5.82	
Literature	5.75	
Stationery	.96	
Memberships		
Louisiana Council on Human Welfare	5.00	
Louisiana Conference on Social Welfare	3.00	
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation	25.00	
United Nations Review	4.50	
Subscription "Upper Room" for Angola, one year	10.00	
	$ 86.09	$ 86.09
Balance, March 1, 1955		$ 80.17

Recommendations

1955 - 1956

Universal Military Training — Various plans for peacetime military training are being proposed to the Congress. Some would put the youth under the control of the military for from six to ten years. Since peacetime conscription is contrary to our American tradition, and to the stated beliefs of our church

We recommend

That Methodist women of the Louisiana Conference study these plans and make their views known to our Senators and Representatives.

United Nations — Because this organization is still our greatest hope for true peace in the world, and because the people of the underdeveloped countries are dependent upon it for the lift they need toward a better standard of living,

We recommend

That we continue to work toward a better understanding of its aims and set-up, that we ask Congress to appropriate our due share of contributions toward the specialized agencies, and that we participate in the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of its founding in April. We also recommend that in all possible communities of the state, we urge our children to substitute the collection of small sums for UNICEF, in place of the ordinary "Trick or Treat" on Hallowe'en.

Refugee Resettlement — Because our state of Louisiana has within it many opportunities for jobs and homes,

We recommend

That our people consider the possibility of acting as Sponsors for some of the many worthy refugees now waiting in Europe for a chance to become self-supporting, worth-while citizens.

Alcohol Education — As more and more young people coming up through our High Schools are having to face the evils of alcohol and narcotics,

We recommend

That we continue through the year 1955-1956 to support the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation to the sum of $3,000, for the support of a staff member who will go to the High Schools of the state to provide information for the students.

Racial Policies — After a study of racial policies in the churches, the World Council meeting in 1954 issued the following statement, in part . . . "Many churches and many Christians have striven to be obedient to God's will in matters of race; for every such obedience we give our thanks, both for God's power and his servants' faithfulness. Increasingly, racial and ethnic barriers are breached in the life of the churches. But it is the most obedient who would best understand the need of all Churches and Christians for deep repentance that they are so largely conformed to the world's compromises. This same world watches any denial of human brotherhood, and is not deceived". . . . Because we would express our faithfulness and obedience to Him,

We recommend

That all members of Woman's Societies and Guilds express their willingness to abide by the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to non-segregation in the public schools, and that we make this willingness known to our State Legislators, school board members and school superintendents, and to groups of friends and others, wherever we may have an opportunity.

REPORT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service with 88 units, and 1751 members pledged to Missions for 1954-55 $13,103.49. To date we have paid $9,245,35, as follows:

On Pledge	$8,237.13	
In Remembrance	116.00	
Jurisdiction Projects	141.12	
Treasure Chests	81.10	
Special Membership	670.00	$9,245.35

We paid for the Week of Prayer $865.83, to Alcohol Education $234.33, and to Conference Cultivation $271.78. We have sent $1,507.07 as cash for Supply Work, $862.99 to Home Work, and $644.08 to Foreign Work. Our per capita giving is $5.27.

I had the good fortune of being among the Louisiana delegates to attend the Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Division at Milwaukee last May. This was truly a mountain top experience, and was shared through reporting with eight groups, four societies and four Guild units.

Our new Lafayette District under the direction of Miss Marilyn Carter is doing a fine job, and is fully organized in three lines of work.

Some of our districts held seminars last fall in conjunction with the district Societies. These were not as successful as we had hoped. Many of the district Guilds have their seminars in conjunction with their weekends.

The conference School of Missions had better representation than last year. However, the Guild members attending felt the need for help in their lines of work, as well as in the Guild clinic. If we are to follow the program of the Woman's Division we would suggest the clinic at a different time.

At the jurisdiction School of Missions we had four delegates. Two district secretaries and myself, and one secretary who went at her own expense. This was good because it gave us representation in each approved study class, and also, in the clinics and workshops.

Our one big accomplishment was the Coaching Conferences held in September. One in Baton Rouge for the four southern districts under the leadership of Miss Grace Lawson, and the other in Monroe for the four northern districts under my leadership. These were 6-hour schools for officers and chairmen of the lines of work throughout the conference. There were more than 30 people in attendance from the district and conference W.S.C.S. and W.S.G., and the program was well arranged and presented. It was recommended that these conferences be carried back into the district and local organization. We are hoping they will be scheduled earlier this coming year. In fact, we are planning for the conference one to be held in conjunction with our annual weekned at Camp Brewer, in July.

We have fallen far short of our goal of a Guild unit in each church where there are as many as 6 employed women, and in reaching all of the employed women in our midst. Won't you help us with these goals? We solicit your prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Minza Rabun,
Secretary

Recommendations
1955-56

It is Recommended:

In Recruitment

1. That because so many Wesleyan Service Guild members have

the necessary preparation, a concerted and attractive appeal be made in conference, district, and local Guild groups in an effort to recruit suitable, capable and adequately trained women for Christian Missionary Service.

In Membership

2. That with a greater determination than ever before we widen the outreach of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the area of interesting every employed woman in the Methodist Church in membership.
   (a) Through the organization of new units
   (b) Through making attractive appeal to younger women
   (c) Through the enlistment of women from the varied vocation
   (d) Through special attention to the new-comers

In World Brotherhood

3. That the Guild sustaining fellowship of a world Christian Church.
   (a) That as Christian employed women, realizing we have a personal witness in our everyday living, we are concerned with the needs of people everywhere.
   (b) That we affirm belief in the United Nations as the World's best hope for peace.

In Giving

4. That Guild units prayerfully make their budgets, taking into account the urgent needs on the foreign fields, and that greater use be made of the Treasure Chest.
   (a) That every Guild consider giving one or more Special Membership.

In Cultivation Fund

5. We recommend the following which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Division after special study:
   (a) That money raised for cultivation purposes by both the W.S.C.S. and W.S.G. be placed in one fund, to be used for the total program of the Societies and Guilds on the basis of need, with the understanding that the treasurer (on conference, district, and jurisdiction levels) will keep the record of receipts from each group separate on her books so that information on these totals may be available for both Guilds and Societies
   (b) That the Wesleyan Service Guild present its own plans for a cultivation program to a meeting of the Conference Committee on Finance, with the Conference Guild Secretary present to participate in discussions of plans for raising cultivation funds and for drawing up of budgets for the expenditures of such funds, this same procedure to be followed on both District and Jurisdiction levels, thus avoiding separate fund raising projects for cultivation of Guilds and Societies.

In Missionary Education

6. (a) That a greater attempt be made to get all district Guild Secretaries in attendance at the conference Schools of Missions.
   (b) That each local unit strive for at least two studies. That a Guild clinic be held in connection with the conference Schools of Missions.

In Reporting

7. That a leadership class be conducted on all levels not only for the purpose but for a greater appreciation of our great organization.
8. That we make Christ the center of our every undertaking in our great work in the Wesleyan Service Guild and the church.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK

Mrs. D. W. Poole

As I make this first annual report as Conference Secretary of Student Work, I realize the year has gone too swiftly. There has been much to learn. But as I have learned I have tried to put this learning into action.

More "blue cards" reached the different college directors before the opening of college than ever before. There should be an increase in this each year as the Student Secretaries become aware of the help this is to the directors and the students. Also, the idea of keeping in close touch with the young men in service and giving them cards of introduction before they leave, was stressed.

The name and address of the director of student work in each college was given to each district secretary. Then each district was directly responsible for one college. The district secretary contacted the director and was able to find out and care for the needs. Many of the foreign students were taken into homes and entertained by church groups.

More and more the need for Christian workers at home and overseas is brought to our attention. To meet this goal we must do all we can as church women to give the young people the inspiration and help they need to answer this call.

It has been urged that local secretaries assist in planning for the observance of Student Recognition Day and of Methodist Student Day in each local church. This is being done in a very fine way.

The secretaries of student work are eager to help in the student program wherever possible. We realize as never before the need of every college student to be challenged and captivated by the life of Christ. We wish to commend the Directors of the Wesley Foundations and M.S.M. for the great work they are doing in meeting this challenge, and assure them of our continued support. We realize as someone has said, "As goes the campus so goes the nation and the world."

Recommendations for Student Work

The Student Department recommends:

1. That each local society elect a secretary of student work.
2. That each secretary of student work encourage her society to make recruitment of Christian workers a matter of major emphasis.
3. That each conference secretary attend her state conference of the Methodist Student Movement at conference expense.
4. That students from other lands on the college campus be extended Christian fellowship and hospitality.
5. That students and the work of the student department have a place in the programs of the society on every level.
6. That each society encourage and cooperate with the pastor in giving special attention and major interest to the observance of Methodist Student Day in June and Student Recognition Day in December.
7. That a student information card ("blue card") be sent to the campus before August first (if possible) for every student who attends college.

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. W. F. Manning, Secretary

In August Mrs. J. T. Folk, who was the conference secretary at that time, attended the Youth Council meeting for the Louisiana Conference which was held at Centenary College. All district secretaries were invited but only one could attend, They helped in making the plans for the conference youth work. At this meeting, Miss Ruth Ellen Kelley was introduced to the group as the new conference secretary of youth work.

Although many churches and their youth groups are still not participating in the promotion of MYFund, I feel that progress is being made. More groups are reporting pledge services with their youth making and paying pledges. The first two quarters of this year, Rev. J. E. Hearn, the conference treasurer, reports that Louisiana youth have contributed $2,946.02 to MYFund.

Most groups are reporting good missionary studies. One group took a tour of the different missionary projects in our state and reported an increased enthusiasm for missions on the part of their young people. Several of the groups are giving serious thought to full time service.

In the coming year of Youth Emphasis in the Methodist Church it is hoped that every secretary of youth work will consecrate herself more deeply to the task before her.

Recommendations for Youth Work

Because the months directly ahead of us in the Youth emphasis are for preparation (Spring '55) and action (Fall '55) in the area of Christian Outreach, it is urgently recommended:

1. That every Woman's Society recognize that the "KEY" to success is proper adult leadership and with prayer and care elect a secretary of youth work according to the plan outlined on page 19 of the "GUIDE" and page 243 of "HANDBOOK OF THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP."
2. That each Conference Secretary of Youth Work promote within her conference the opportunity of this quadrennium for training adult workers with youth—the Spring Training Sessions of the Youth Emphasis: and that she ask the cooperation of the Conference Woman's Society in carrying out this recommendation from the Woman's Division of Christian Service: "That Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service encourage the district and local societies to provide a subsidy wherever necessary in order that the secretary of youth work may attend the district or sub-district training sessions planned for February to May, 1955."
3. That local Woman's Societies consider in their plans for special memberships the relating of them to the Youth Emphasis: (1) by recognizing adult leaders of youth with special memberships and (2) by honoring youth for their leadership and service in the church through the presentation of youth memberships.
4. That, because workers are needed so urgently and because our jurisdiction has set a goal of 100 new workers this quadrennium, in every church the representative of the Woman's Society on the Committee on Christian Vocations encourage that committee to widely use the new VOCATIONS PACKET and filmstrip "Counselling for Church Vocations."
5. That continued promotion of the Methodist Youth Fund be one of our major tasks including better use of the Methodist Youth Fund Bulletin for personalizing the work receiving support thru MYFund.
6. That conference and district secretaries of Youth Work keep informed about and be willing to attend, if and when they are invited to help fill the adult quotas for the Jurisdiction MYF Workshop. (August 4-11)
7. That every Secretary of Youth Work secure and study the new "GUIDE BOOK FOR WORKERS WITH YOUTH."
8. That secretaries of Youth Work cooperate in promoting the Lenten Reading project featuring "I BELONG" by Dr. Hoover Rupert.
9. That District Missionary Seminars display the new Joint Commission on Missionary Education materials for youth, and that the program will present the youth mission studies for the coming year.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Secretary

During this first year as your Conference Secretary of Children's Work, it has been most encouraging to watch the constant growth in interest, achievement, and action from study of our missions. Many worthwhile things have been done as children reached out, in love for others, as a result of better understanding.

More additional sessions are being held for both primary and junior children than ever before. More secretaries are working to make these sessions meaningful; attending Councils of Children's Workers; teaching in Sunday Church Schools; taking Training Courses; working in Vacation Church Schools; attending Children's Worker's Conferences; and promoting children's work generally.

Children have responded by their faithfulness in attendance, as well as giving liberally . . . from their small allowances . . . for others. This year Supply giving has been especially generous, exceeding all previous years.

Better cooperation of Children's Secretaries, Supply Secretaries, and Treasurers has resulted in more accurate reporting. More societies ARE REPORTING, but there are still over 75 who make no effort to let anyone know that they exist . . . as far as our work goes. If there are enough women for a Woman's Society of Christian Service, there are children also. Where children are—things are happening. We just **can't** imagine! There is much work to be done in our conference for our children.

An excellent spirit of joint responsibility exists between the Conference Board of Christian Education and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Last summer, two State Children's Worker's Conferences were planned and co-directed by a representative of each group. Already plans have gone forward for those to be sponsored this year . . . aiming for three to be held in our conference for our children.

Many of you have shared the enthusiasm of the children as they discovered interesting facts about "India and Pakistan" and (or) "The City" in their recent mission study. You will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that Missionary Materials that will be used with Methodist Children during the coming year will emphasize "Indian Americans" and "Spreading the Gospel Today."

The **Calendar of Activities** which is the guide for the local secretary as she plans her work for each month, will appear in the May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. This should be kept handy for easy reference at any time.

Thank you for making it possible for me to serve my church in this capacity. It has been a wonderful privilege, and may we all dedicate ourselves more fully.

Recommendations for Children's Work

1. That a Secretary of Children's Work be elected in every Woman's Society of Christian Service, this officer to be a leader qualified to participate in the total plans of the church school for children, and elected according to the method provided on page 22 of **A Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1952-1956.**
2. That Secretaries of Children's Work in the local church take advantage of the Officer's Training Day planned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and also attend the local, district, and conference training opportunities for church school workers.
3. That conference and district Secretaries of Children's Work cooperate in the plans for fall institutes on Missionary Education of Children, and encourage the promotion of such meetings—preferably the same date and place as the District Seminars of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

4. That Secretaries of Children's Work study plans for the follow-up of the National Conference on Family Life, according to the policies developed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. (See **The Methodist Woman**, January, 1955, page 28.)
5. That Secretaries of Children's Work keep informed about and cooperate in the plans for action recommended by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in issues related to the welfare of all children such as: juvenile delinquency . . . needs of children in expanding areas of population . . . public education.
6. That Secretaries of Children's Work continue to study the organization and work of the United Nations and the recommendations of the World Council of Churches at its Second Assembly last August; and that they cooperate in plans for action in these areas, as may be suggested by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
7. That Secretaries of Children's Work use a guide **Calendar of Activities, 1955-56,** which will appear in the May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. It has been written with the events of the church school in mind, as well as those that relate to the activities of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

MRS. WIDEMAN WATSON

This year has been an interesting one. We show progress in many phases of our work. I believe you will be interested in seeing how our work in Louisiana Conference compares with the other nineteen in South Central Jurisdiction. We received reports from 247 societies in our second quarter's report out of 319, a small gain. We have a slight loss in total subscriptions reported to THE METHODIST WOMAN 3476, with Shreveport District leading with 823 and Ruston District second with 562. We have a nice gain in WORLD OUTLOOK subscriptions 1660.

Louisiana is sixth in societies reporting in South Central Jurisdiction.
Seventh in total subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN.
Fifth in total subscriptions to WORLD OUTLOOK.
Fifth in every elected officer subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN.
Sixth in every officer subscriber to WORLD OUTLOOK.

We have 51 societies reporting every elected officer, a subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN. Monroe District leading with 15 and New Orleans District with 10. Alexandria—Oakdale, Ball and David Haas Memorial of Bunkie. Baton Rouge—Baker, Bogalusa, Denham Springs, Ingleside, St. Francisville. Lake Charles—Vinton, First Church of Lake Charles. Lafayette—Franklin, New Iberia, Church Point, Davidson Memorial of Lafayette. Monroe—Bastrop, Mer Rouge, Sicily Island, Winnsboro, Jonesville, Oak Ridge, Wisner, Lake Providence, Brownville, Claiborne and First Church of West Monroe, Gordon Avenue, St. Paul's, Stone Avenue and First Church of Monroe. New Orleans—Jefferson, Aldersgate, Algiers, Canal Street, Carrollton Avenue, Felicity, Elysian Fields, St. Luke's, St. Mark's. Second Methodist. Ruston—Downsville, Homer, Haynesville and Trinity of Ruston. Shreveport—Vivian, Coushatta, Barksdale, Pleasant Hill, North Highlands, Haughton, East Point, First Church of Shreveport.

We have 16 societies reporting every elected officer a subscriber to WORLD OUTLOOK. Baton Rouge—Plaquemine, St. Francisville. Lake Charles—Vinton, First Church of Lake Charles. Lafayette—Church Point. Monroe—Bastrop, Mer Rouge, Wisner, Rayville, Gordon Avenue, St. Pauls and First Church of Monroe. New Orleans—Aldersgate, Canal, Jefferson. Shreveport—First Church of Shreveport.

LIBRARY FUND—

Balance on hand March 1, 1955 ...	$ 7.00
Literature sales at School of Missions, August 1954	$689.60

Mailed sample packets of Week of Prayer material to all local societies. Secured brief biography and pictures of all speakers on Conference Program for Methodist Information. Mailed copy of Conference program to all local society Presidents, Conference Officers, District Officers, District Members, Jurisdiction Officers and Deaconesses and workers within Louisiana Conference.

May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will contain directives for each local officer of each line of work.

Many of you have done excellent work, let us keep trying until we have all societies reporting. My appreciation and love goes out to you for all that you have done, and may you have God's richest blessings as you continue in his service.

Recommendations for Literature and Publications

It is recommended that:

1. A Secretary of Literature and Publications be elected in every society, or her duties, including quarterly reporting, be assigned to the Secretary of Promotion.
2. The Secretary of Literature and Publications in the local society:
   (a) Check, before installation, to see that each officer has a new Guide, a Handbook (if listed in the catalogue) or leaflet on her office, and a subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
   (b) Encourage the officers to know the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT by circulating a copy among them.
   (c) Present THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, in different ways, at least once each quarter, and enlist the aid her pastor in presenting WORLD OUTLOOK to the church membership, thus enlisting new subscriptions.
   (d) Give special attention to the material for children and youth, by suggesting its use in Additional Sessions, World Friendship Groups of girls, and the MYF.
3. Conference, District, and local secretaries be alert to special instructions and occasions suggested in THE METHODIST WOMAN, particularly the Calendar of Activities in the May issue.
4. Conference and District officers make a careful study of each quarter's report, then follow through by sending specific suggestions for improvements, where needed.

SUPPLY WORK REPORT

MRS. GEORGE E. POWELL

The new plan for Supply Work that was started this year gave every Society a definite Asking in Cash or new goods for a Home and a Foreign institution or project of the Woman's Division.

The Wesleyan Service Guilds were assigned Louisiana Rural Work and Public Health and Nursing Service in Vikarabad, India. They will keep these two Asking throughout the qaudrennium, but they were not given any definite Cash Asking for either.

This plan has made Supply Work very personal and has increased the interest of the societies in the projects assigned to them.

Louisiana was given a Cash Asking of $6185.00 for the Home Field and $3,900.00 for the Foreign Field. This Asking will be met if every Society will give to Supply Work the unpaid balance of the Supply Askings assigned to them by their District Secretary of Supply Work.

An Emergency Asking of $100.00 for Holding Institute at Laredo, Texas was overpaid by $191.26.

The Camp for St. Mark's Community Center will be opened early this summer. They need all the Coupons possible so that they can redeem them for the Camp Fund. Coupons for the first three quarters of this year have netted $124.99.

You have heard the voices of hungry, thirsty, naked and lonely people from around the world and you have answered them with your Supply Work Giving.

Supply Work Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Every Woman's Society elect a Secretary of Supply Work to assign her duties, including reporting to the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, and that she be requested to study the Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work.
2. The District Secretary of Supply Work divide the list of Askings for institutions and stations of work in the Home and Foreign field among the Societies of her district, taking into consideration the membership of the society and other conditions that have bearing on the work.
3. Every society do some Supply Work, meeting the needs on Asking for the Home and Foreign field before doing any additional Supply Work.
4. Due to high duty charges and other conditions, that only Cash for Supply Work be sent for the institutions and stations of work on the Foreign field (with the exception of Relief Packages for Korean missionaries, and that such packages be marked "NO COMMERCIAL VALUE—RELIEF WORK").
5. Only boxes of requested materials be sent to an institution and that all SUPPLY WORK CASH (including SOS Askings) be sent through regular channels by the local treasurer.
6. Every local Secretary of Supply Work, check each quarter on the Supply Work done by Youth, Children and Wesleyan Guild of her church.
7. All boxes of Christmas gifts, toys, etc., for institutions be sent in August.
8. Local secretaries channel all information received by them and do such other things as will promote interest in the work.
9. All local and district secretaries be encouraged to attend the School of Missions and Clinic on Supply Work at Centenary College in August, 1955, and to participate in Zone Meetings and Officer's Training Day.
10. That each outgoing Secretary consider it her duty to train her successor.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
CASH SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS 1955-56

HOME ASKING: $4830.00		FOREIGN ASKING: $4472.00
Home Field	**District**	**Foreign Field**
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La. DULAC INDIAN MISSION Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana NATIONAL COLLEGE for CHRISTIAN WORKERS 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	ALEXANDRIA	LUCIE HARRISON SCHOOL Lahore, Pakistan
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La. BUSINESS GIRLS' INN 814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.	BATON ROUGE	METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL Singapore, Malaya INSTITUTE METHODISTA Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, Brazil
PEOPLES' METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER 2019 Simon Bolivar, New Orleans, La. NATIONAL COLLEGE for CHRISTIAN WORKERS 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	LAKE CHARLES	EWHA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Seoul, Korea
WESLEY FOUNDATION, S.L.I. Box 220, Lafayette, Louisiana BUSINESS GIRLS' INN 814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, La.	LAFAYETTE	PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE Rio de Janeiro, Brazil AOYAMA GAKUIN Tokyo, Japan

DULAC INDIAN MISSION Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana NATIONAL COLLEGE for CHRISTIAN WORKERS 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	MONROE	EWHA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Seoul, Korea EDNA THOMAS HALL RURAL CENTER San Fernando, Philippines
MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER Box 270, Houma, Louisiana	NEW ORLEANS	EWHA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Seoul, Korea
ST, MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.	RUSTON	PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE Rio de Janeiro, Brazil METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL Singapore, Malaya
SAGER BROWN and GODMAN SCHOOL Baldwin, Louisiana NATIONAL COLLEGE for CHRISTIAN WKRS. 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo.	SHREVEPORT	EWHA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Seoul, Korea LUCIE HARRISON SCHOOL Lahore, Pakistan

Each society has been assigned a definite share of the Cash Askings for their District. Every society is asked to give the amount allotted to them for the Home and Foreign Field before doing other Supply Work. Each society should put their Cash Askings in their budget.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

MRS. W. W. PAXTON

There is increased interest in the work of this department. Reports have shown that we are more "spiritual minded" individually and in the local societies. While progress has been made, we still strive to attain greater heights. As another year draws to a close, I wish to report the following:

1. There has been an increase in the number of prayer groups.
2. The Week of Prayer and the World Day of Prayer services were more numerous this year, and reports indicate a good attendance and offering.
3. The Bible Studies have been well attended, and as a result quite a number of permanent Bible classes for study have been formed.
4. Many requests for Spiritual Life Material have been made all during the year.
5. Our Secretaries have been very cooperative with the pastors, in their local churches, in all of the plans for the enrichment of the life of the members.
6. Numerous Quiet Days, Retreats, and Sacrificial meals have been held with meaningful programs of prayer and praise.
7. Reports from the secretaries indicate many ministries of spiritual significance:
   a. Bookshelves started or enlarged in the local church, containing books and pamphlets on the spiritual life.
   b. The booklet "Power" sent to students away at college, and to the boys in service.
   c. High School and College Graduates given a spiritual book at the annual banquet or breakfast given by the church.
   d. The Upper Room, Power and other spiritual life material placed in the Y.M.C.A.'s, bus stations, hospitals and railroad stations.
   e. Subscriptions to the Christian Advocate, Guide-posts and other magazines of this nature sent to shut-ins.
   f. Shut-in persons enlisted in the Intercession of Prayer groups.
   g. The church bulletins, birthday cards and Upper Rooms sent to shut-ins and boys in service.
   h. The family altar has been stressed during the entire year.

Many of you have done splendid work, but let us continue to work and pray until there is an active spiritual life department in each church. A powerful church indicates a prayerful church. This is true in our Woman's Society and in our individual lives. My love and gratitude to each of you for what you have done, and together may we attempt greater things for God.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. A Secretary of Spiritual Life be elected in every society, and that she report quarterly to her District Secretary of Spiritual Life.
2. That these local secretaries take their places as members of the local Commissions on Membership and Evangelism.
3. The booklet "Why We Visit" should be studied by every member of the S. L. Committee in the local church. It will be especially helpful in visiting "shut-ins and others in need of spiritual ministry."
4. Present the Fellowship of Intercession at least quarterly.
5. Promote the use of the Prayer Calendar.
6. Stimulate interest in having and using a Spiritual Life Bookshelf.
7. Assist small or weak societies in forming such a Bookshelf.

8. Promote at least one prayer group in every society.
9. Continue to encourage the three suggested periods of daily prayer 9 a.m., Noon and the Angelus Hour.
10. Make our Spiritual Life Studies a real experience of spiritual growth.
11. Encourage the local women to plan now for next summer as a time of cultivation of the life of the spirit, instead of taking it for granted that a rising thermometer calls for a lowering spiritual endeavor. Some still report "Usual Summer slump."
12. Cultivate the developing of Holy Habits by: encouraging daily devotions individually and in families; endeavor to have at least one "Quiet Day" during the year, in addition to the Quiet Day during the Week of Prayer.
13. Read and use the suggestion on "Our" page in the Methodist Woman.
14. Adopt a calendar of work for the year. It will be a real aid in planning and checking your work.
15. Cooperate in all spiritual endeavors of your church. Thus we shall not only deepen the spiritual life of every woman but of the entire membership.

STATUS OF WOMEN

MRS. W. A. BARNWELL, Secretary

Looking out across the world, you are glad to be a part of a group, who give themselves to the task of helping women discover their capacities and using them in the service of God's great plan of life. You women in the conference have made a very fine contribution.

Of the 323 societies in the conference, we have 208 Status Women secretaries, 184 reporting. You are urged to report so that your activities may be shared with others and that the Church and Woman's division as a whole may know what is being done. In this manner they will be better prepared to chart the work for the entire church. Little deeds of service make mountains of influence.

This does not truly reflect all the work being done in our area, for this is a cooperative service. When each woman broadens and deepens her own life and helps others find a better way of giving themselves, she is doing Status of Women's work.

In the church more women are serving on the various boards and committees and are encouraging the election of more women to these places of service. The church women are also active and influential in civic programs. They urge women to vote, to study legislation and contact the people responsible for the laws and their enforcement. They give much free time for public service.

A good piece of work has been done by the Status of Women secretaries and their committees in checking women in the church and helping them to become aware of their abilities and use them. We have 69 societies keeping and using Service Activities cards.

In the calendar of activities for 1954-55, it was suggested a survey dealing with percentages of working hours and giving of women in the local church. It is felt not wise to continue this activity. Please see that each local secretary has this information.

May the coming year be one filled with personal devotion and sharing, that you and those with whom you work may know the fullness of God's great plan and divine love for people every where. His richest blessings for you and yours.

Recommendations

At the turn of another year of service, we offer a prayer of Thanksgiving for the opportunities, privileges and tasks in which we have shared. We look forward to a new year of service, aware of the

challenge of the day. Christian women possess the potential for making God's Kingdom present NOW. May each of us dedicate ourselves to this service.

In making plans for the coming year, the following recommendations are given:

1. Spend much time in personal preparation through prayer and reading.
2. Have adequate tools—a Guide, Handbook, the Methodist Woman, the World Outlook.
3. As a member of the program committee, be alert to the opportunities of bringing before the groups, information pertaining to the status of women.
4. Keep before the women, places where they may share on committees and boards of the church. Encourage women to accept places of responsibility. As secretary of Status of Women be ready to submit their names to the nominating committee of the Annual Conference.
5. Cooperate more closely with the Wesleyan Service Guild in helping the employed woman find a place of service in the church and in the community.
6. Continue to cooperate with the Christian Social Relations secretaries in the Citizens Roll Call.
7. Study the Discipline regarding "Full Clergy Rights for Women." This will be before General Conference. Be informed.
8. Begin now to work toward a more equitable representation of women at General Conference.
9. Continue to promote the use of Service Activity Cards.
10. Continue to work toward accurate reporting. Reports should be on time—September 1, December 1, March 1, June 1.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

MRS. J. T. HARRIS, Secretary

Much of this, my first year, as your Conference Secretary of Personnel, has been spent in trying to learn the work of this office. The bigness of the task is overwhelming to me, but I do feel that some very definite steps have been taken in the field of recruitment which should bring glorious results in the lives of our young people here in our Conference, and by them the "good news" will spread around the world.

Christian Career Clinics on the Conference level have been replaced by Clinics on the District level, which means that many more of our fine youth are reached. Reports from District Secretary of Missionary Personnel state that Baton Rouge District had this year, a Clinic for workers with youth. The results were excellent and give promise to better trained leadership in the field of recruitment. This District also sponsored a tour of our Missionary projects in Louisiana. Certainly this gives our young people first hand information about our work and the needs.

Monroe District had its second Clinic in March, with very fine results. This District expects to sponsor a tour of our work. Dr. C. E. Perrell, home on leave from Clara Swain Hospital, India, spoke at this Clinic.

Congratulations go to Lafayette, our newly organized District, which is planning a Christian Career Clinic in April.

The Lake Charles District has scheduled a Clinic for April also. I am sure we will be getting reports from other Districts telling of the fine work they are doing.

Miss Jo Ann Richardson from Baton Rouge, a senior at Centenary College, expects to enter Scarritt in July for special training as U.S.-2. Jo Ann is a music major.

Letters and material have been sent quarterly to District Secretaries

and many personal contacts have been made. Let us earnestly pray that God will lead more laborers into His Vineyard.

Missionary Personnel Recommendations

Because each year the need for Missionaries and Deaconesses is more urgent, and because we feel that we have a definite personal responsibility as Christian women in recruiting workers, we recommend:

1. That this urgency be laid upon the hearts of our women in the local societies.
2. That inasmuch as there is no Secretary of Missionary Personnel on the local level, that this be the responsibility of the Student and Youth Secretaries.
3. That sufficient time be given these Secretaries to present information of this nature at any meetings they deem necessary.
4. That these needs shall be "Prayer Projects" of every prayer group in our Conference.
5. That we continue to encourage young women to answer the Call, by saying, "Here am I Lord, send me."

REPORTS TO WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WESLEY FOUNDATION, NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

The Campus Christian Movement at Northwestern exists for one ultimate and supreme purpose and one only. That is to exalt the Christ. Persons in the college—students, faculty and all—are not to be conformed to the secularisms that campus life and the knowledge process make possible, but are to be transformed by the renewal of the mind which was in Christ Jesus.

In fulfillment of the above high purpose, the following statistics are pertinent:

340 Methodist preference students are enrolled.
268 are on campus.
40 are nurses in the Clinical Area.
32 are graduate students attending night classes.
17 of the 268 are commuting students.
69 are being vitally affected by the Wesley Foundation program.
176 are casual participants.

All, including nurses and graduates, have been contacted either personally or by correspondence during the year.

Three groups, other than those in the undergraduate, on-campus program, are being given special attention. They are as follows:

The commuters, totaling 10, who have met together for lunch and program once each week.

The nurses and graduates who have been reached by special articles in "THE SEARCH", the Wesley Foundation paper.

Special research is being done on the last two groups to determine ways in which the Wesley Foundation can more effectively serve them.

Highlights of the undergraduate program have been:

1. "THE METHODIST CALL"—a three day emphasis in the early Fall, with Rev. Phillip Woodland leading, to reach all Methodist students. Outgrowth of the emphasis has been a daily 15 minute period of worship at noon.
2. Six Deputation teams going to rural churches—an unusually impressive one being done at Christmas time at Sieper, leading their Christmas Lighting Ceremony.
3. Entertaining the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement Conference in March. This was the first inter-racial conference ever to be held in Natchitoches. It made a very fine impression for Christian good will.

The Wesley Foundation budget for the year 1954-55 has been $5609.00, including a student budget of $634.00.

All funds have come in regularly from the General Board of Education—the Louisiana Conference Board of Education—the "$5.00 Plan"—the student budget—the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions—and the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches. Expenditures have been kept within the budget and a second sum of $300.00 is being added to a Building Fund, looking toward a Methodist Student Center for Northwestern in the not-too-distant future.

In addition to regular activities, the Director has attended the national meeting of the Methodist Student Workers' Association in Nashville, the Louisiana Conference of the W.S.C.S., and has led a three day Family Life Conference in the Provencal Church. A number of speeches have been made to W.S.C.S. circle meetings.

The Wesley Foundation and the Director express deep appreciation to the entire Louisiana Conference W.S.C.S. for wonderful cooperation this year, and an earnest request for continued prayer and helpful guidance as we seek to make our Christian witness at Northwestern.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Adams
Wesley Foundation Director.

LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

This has been the best year in Student Work I have experienced at Louisiana Tech. There has been more unity, creativity, and progress than in any previous year. The summer entertainment and joint worship with other student groups on the campus was a highlight—so was the writing and approving of the Wesley Foundation Handbook.

From September until Christmas: the average attendance at Prayer Group tripled (sixteen) the high record attendance of the preceding year; the Sunday Vespers attendance doubled (fifty); the church school attendance at Trinity (10-50) and Grace (10-30) increased by one third (the low attendance came during holidays). Thursday Vesper attendance has not been as large as for the previous year, but we have been more nearly constant—the average has been about sixty.

From September until Christmas Wesley Foundation: (1) has presented three plays; fifty-two different students have participated in worship services; (2) raised $24.00 for meals for millions; (3) kept a casual contact with the Wesley Foundation at Grambling College, with the Grambling contact reaching its peak February 13, when eighteen Grambling students and three adult leaders were the guests of Tech Wesley Foundation and brought us a splendid program.

Missions effort consists of: (1) help to Grambling; (2) clothing of an eleven year old boy at the Methodist Children's Home; (3) and the International Christian University in Japan. We are striving to exceed our Methodist Student Fellowship Fund contribution of $200.00 for last year.

Our new building is on its way and brings delight and challenge to all students and interested Methodist who see it.

Counselling is still our major task. We work from early until late because the field is truly "White unto Harvest."

Respectfully submitted,
Pearlye Maye Kelley

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION, SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

Dear Friends:

Again we send sincere greetings—and appreciation—for this opportunity of sharing with you the work of the Wesley Foundation at

Southwestern; and of requesting your prayers and support for the tremendous job of student work in the Methodist Church.

1954-55 has been a significant year for us, in many ways, best expressed through the three major areas of Wesley Foundation activity at S.L.I., **worship, study,** and **fellowship.** Our main **"Wesley"** meetings on Thursday nights have centered around student-led worship, under the leadership of Beth Roberts, from Lafayette, worship chairman. We have explored the possibilities of many themes: drama, music, poetry, prayer, interpretive reading, the use of **Motive** (M.S.M. magazine), missions, the nature and purpose of worship, and the outreach of the church. Our Wednesday morning Devotions at 6:30 in the Wesley Chapel have also been meaningful, for a time set aside for prayer and devotion and Communion gives richer understanding to student life. Our close cooperation with the First Methodist Church of Lafayette and its services of worship have strengthened us as individuals and as a group.

The Sunday School, or College Class Hour, has given opportunities for study in two areas this year: a series on the Hebrew Prophets (and also preparation for our Fall Retreat at Camp Brewer in October, 1954), discussions on the messages of Amos, Micah, Hosea, Jeremiah, and Isaiah. The other is a series on "Contemporary Thinking," seeking to examine our basic beliefs in the light of present-day theological thought. A time of fellowship, during which coffee and doughnuts are served, is enjoyed by the students, followed by a short devotional period, presided over by Lucy Cole, from Ebenezer. Another resource for study in the program has been the Fireside Hour on Sunday night, conducted by John Hall, from Lafayette. We have discussed topics of various kinds: the international situation and its implications; the Danforth Foundation; the essence of Judaism (followed by a visit to the Temple Rodeph Sholom in Lafayette); the basic beliefs of the Lutheran Church; and the basic beliefs of the Methodist Church. Featured speakers have been Dr. Ben Kaplan, SLI; Rev. R. R. Branton, Lafayette; Dr. Marcus Collins, Dr. Robert Crisler, Dr. R. D. Chandler, SLI; Rev. Ed Brock, Church Point; and Dr. John Norris, Buenos Aires, Argentina. We have also seen a series of films from the "This is the Life" TV series, produced by Concordia Studios.

Opportunity for fellowship has been manifold. Ten SLI representatives attended the Southeastern Leadership Training Conference in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, last summer, as fraternal delegates, and were the third largest delegation present. SLI Methodists were represented at the Louisiana MSM State Retreat in Houma, where planning for the 1954-55 school year was completed. Carol Ann Hoffpauir, of New Orleans, elected publicity director at the State MSM Conference last year, helped to preside over the meetings at that time. Thirty-six delegates attended the State MSM Conference at Northwestern in Natchitoches on March 11-13.

Our deputation program to area churches has included visits to Kaplan, Indian Bayou, the Mallaluie A.M.E. Church, Thibodaux, Houma Heights, and the Dulac Indian Mission. In a period of two years, the SLI deputation program has extended over nine parishes, serving twenty-four churches, involving 119 team members, and covering a distance of 1,754 miles.

An unusual project this year has been the Music and Worship Seminar, under the leadership of James Hernandez of Lafayette, a SLI student now confined to the Baton Rouge General Hospital. Designed to foster a better understanding of the uses of music and worship, it included discussions on the history of church music, on a practical philosophy of church music for the local church, a liturgical worship service with the Wesley Foundation Choir (under the direction of Mr. Jerry Fuller, minister of music at First Methodist Church), and a special Morning Devotions service.

Other projects have claimed the interest of the Wesley group: a shrimp boil at the Student Center; a working relationship with the Mallaluie Methodist Church, A.M.E.; a visitation program to the **Maison de Repose,** a home for the aged in Lafayette; the SLI Religious Emphasis Week program; a Christmas concert given by a thirty-two voice student choir; the working of the Inter-Faith Council on the SLI campus; and a close rapport with the Episcopal Canterbury Club.

The Wesley Foundation council has worked efficiently and well, under the leadership of Marilyn Hoff from Covington, president for 1954-55. Other executive officers not mentioned in the areas of program were Margaret Moore, Welsh, corresponding secretary; Marline Calcote, Bunkie, treasurer; and Jack Phelps, Jennings, reporter. Other outstanding committee chairmen have been John Denison, Iowa, and Archie Andrus, Branch, recreation; Alden Ray Tupper, Roanoke, house and grounds; Harriet Fontenot, Jennings, music; Wanda Morgan, Lake Charles, World Christian Community; Gordon Girod, Lake Charles, newsletter; Bonnie Brizzard, Morgan City, and Alwin Morgan, Pecan Island, evangelism; Shirley Ferguson, Crowley, publications; and Emmagene Collins, Triumph, publicity.

Of the 249 Methodists registered at Southewestern this year, 75 form the active group, and an additional 25-35 are affected casually by the outreach of the Wesley Foundation and inter-faith activities.

Thank you—again—for helping to make our fellowship meaningful to students.

Sincerely,

Robert Parrott

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

Hazel F. Cooper, Head Resident

This is the first time I have had the privilege of reporting to you. Mrs. Freeman's efficient administration and thoughtful preparation for the change of residents made the transitional period in a new appointment a happy experience. The women of the Louisiana Conference are to be congratulated too, on the group of loyal, consecrated women who form the City Mission Board.

On November 15th a third full time worker, Mrs. H. D. Dennis, was added to the staff of the Inn.

The Woman's Division set a high goal in that phrase which we use to describe our residences, "A Christian home away from home." It does not inevitably have the same meaning to us as women of the Society nor to each girl who comes to us. We hope in some measure to help every girl to a better understanding of what a Christian home means in beauty, joy and fellowship through our cooperative living.

Some seventy girls have been resident since September. The capacity is fifty-two. That has been stretched to fifty-four at times by the use of the guest and hospital rooms. Sixteen of the fifty-two have been students, the ratio remaining fixed.

Already there are applications from girls who wish to enter business college in June. Some students delay entering school until there is a vacancy at the Inn. The head of one business school asked hopefully if we would consider taking care of their girls as we had openings. That of course, is not possible since our service is to the whole community and not to selected parts of it.

Vesper services are held on the first and third Mondays of the month. In addition the girls voted to have a house meeting on the last Monday of the month. This is the time for open discussion of the problems which concern us as a household. They have been useful as a means of self discipline.

The kitchenette has become so popular at lunch time that it frequently overflows. A television purchased last summer is a popular source of entertainment. Sometimes it poses a problem since it is in the "date room." The dateless ones like to view too! Consequently the "dates" sometimes have serious competition, good natured, of course.

While there is not a great deal of planned social life for the girls we find an increasing number of spontaneous gatherings and groupings among themselves which is gratifying. Some of our Baptist young people make the Inn a frequent gathering place.

The Inn has a different meaning perhaps for each girl. One expressed herself on returning from a weekend spent at home. "The Inn seems more like home than home itself, almost." Not that she loved her home less than formerly. She is becoming a maturing personality. Helping girls become adult in thought, action and reaction is a part of the experience of Christian living for which the Inn strives.

Both the Board and Staff feel the need of a quiet room set aside for counselling. We are thinking and praying toward that end. Will you join your thoughts with ours?

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Fae L. Daves, Head Resident

For many years St. Mark's Community Center has extended a warm-hearted welcome to the boys and girls and men and women of the many nationality groups—predominantly Italian, Spanish, and French —who live in our area. We like to think of St. Mark's as an "arm of the church" reaching out that second mile to serve the people of the community—who may or may not be a part of our church—on a nonsectarian basis. It is our opportunity to provide Christian ideals and leadership. During 1954 we served 609 individuals from six years old to adults in our group work and recreation program, and 66 different children in our Day Care Center. Present services include a varied program of activities for children, teenagers, and some adults, consisting of social clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, interest groups such as wood shop, crafts, dramatics; gym sports and teams; swimming classes, life saving, etc.; game room; family night socials, and many special events—activities which under good leadership contribute to wholesome growth. A number of our special events have come to be annual features, for example, our Christmas Pageant of the Nativity; also our May Festival. For this occasion we crown a May Queen and the various club groups furnish entertainment for her and her splendid court. Another annual event is the Girl Scout Fair held every spring to help the girls go to camp. Last April the girls cleared $177.00. We are always interested in giving our young people an opportunity to help themselves.

Last summer 9 girls with 10 leaders and assistants enjoyed 8½ days at Fontainbleau State Park Camp while 17 boys enjoyed 5 days of camp life there. We could schedule the State Park Camp for only two weeks. Hence it is with a great deal of pleasure we announce that this year we have our own camp, thanks to the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church who purchased the camp site for us. The property is located 4 miles west of Covington on Highway 190 on the Tchefuncta River, just across the river from the Salvation Army Camp. There is a seven room house in excellent condition on the property. We plan to use the sandy bottomed river for swimming. There is a nice grove of trees along the river which will afford shade for activities. Plenty of good drinking water is available from the overflowing well from which the water has been piped into the house. We believe that present facilities will accomodate 20 to 24 persons and we are not planning any program of expansion at present. Right now we are busy getting the essential equipment. (If any group is interested in helping us get some equipment, we will be glad to have them contact us for suggestions.)

In addition to our program of group work and recreation we maintain a Day Care Center for children 2½ to 5 years of age whose mothers must work. While this is primarily day care, the children learn many things, not the least of which is how to live together happily. The average daily attendance for 1954 was 25.

Our new picture pamphlet is available to groups for the asking. Although it does not cover all phases of our program it does give a good idea of it we think.

Our Board, Staff, and the Members of St. Mark's Community Center express grateful appreciation to all of you for your interest and help. We hope you will keep praying for us. And do come to see us when you are in New Orleans.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER
HOUMA, LA.

We often hear the question, "Now that you are not a boarding school, just what does MacDonell do?"

Our program at MacDonell is now a child caring agency, licensed by the State Welfare Department Commissioner to provide daily care, 24 hours if needed, at the Center for children who need a home away from home. The requirements for licensing are numerous and sometime difficult to meet, but this is as it should be. The policies of the Center and practices relating to the continued care of the children must be such that each child is respected as an individual—that he has adequate nutrition, protection from hazards, adequate housing facilities, clothing, health care, daily routine schedule, opportunities for an education, recreation, and religious training, also policies for acceptance to the Center and discharge from the Center and an adequate budget and staff.

Our family of 28 boys and girls from 6 to 17 years of age is very interesting as well as complicated. Each child is indeed unique—each has problems, many of which we are able to help them solve, but the greatest problem of the majority of them is that they do not have the love and security of their parents which parents alone can give. However, it is evident that MacDonell fills the need of security to a large extent, and even our little tots, within a couple of days after coming to us show in every movement that all is well. In our family we have some very intelligent boys and girls. However, we like most families, have some not so ambitious and some who cannot make passing grades.

The backgrounds of our children vary greatly. Many of their parents have little or no education, others have completed high school or college. The type of their occupations also vary—from a one-horse farmer to a farm manager, unskilled to skilled laborers, technical and industrial workers. They are of various denominations—Baptist, Menonite, Pentecostal, Catholic, but most of them are Methodist.

Some of our children have been placed at MacDonell by other social agencies, but the majority are placed by their parents. Placement is frequently due to long time or emergency illness of a parent, inadequate homes, desertion, death, cruel treatment, mixed racial situation—others because of the death of the mother or father and the lack of ability for the one parent to cope with the situation of making a living and caring for the child's emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs.

The policies of MacDonell Center are adhered to:

Our Health Program

Periodic examinations are made and corrections are made as indicated.

Preventive Program

Sufficient and balanced meals, recreation, exercise and rest—teaching good health and mental hygiene.

Our Education Program

All children attend the public schools. They are given every oppor-

tunity for advancement. Special tutoring is given to those who need it.

Our Training Program

Our children learn how to keep house, cook, sew, cut grass, feed the chickens, and numerous other odd jobs by actually performing such duties at the Center with supervision.

Our Recreation and Cultural Program

The children participate in outdoor and indoor, spontaneous and planned recreation. They have television, record players, radios, playground equipment. They participate in school and community activities, and have the privilege of visiting.

Our Religious Program

The children attend Houma Heights Methodist Church. They have short worship periods each evening which may consist of singing, story-telling, prayers, discussion or chattering with a definite aim. We are doing everything that we know how to help our children to develop their inner strength so they may, on their own age level, recognize their problems, face them, think them through, and with the help of the staff and other persons help them solve them. We also work very closely with parents of the children in helping them to solve maritial and other problems. We have been successful through such methods to bring parents back together and hence the child to his rightful home.

Seven groups visited our campus from Louisiana—two were camps and others were tours with a mission. Groups also came from Alabama, Arkansas and Iowa.

Miss Ann Coucoules,
Director

DULAC INDIAN MISSION

The big news at Dulac Indian Mission this year is the change in program. Last June saw the end of our elementary school and the beginning of an informal education and recreation program. After many years of effort the Parish School Board was finally persuaded to enlarge the public school for Indians at Dulac so that they could absorb our enrollment. With the addition of four new classrooms this was done at the beginning of the current school year.

Our program now includes a kindergarten, a special class for handicapped children, visitation, recreation, public health nursing, group work and rural church. The kindergarten has an average of 23. Our visitation program takes workers into at least 25 homes per week. The recreation night each week finds about twenty children gathered to play games and sing. There are usually about fifty persons at our weekly movie. Clothing sales have been drawing between 75 and 90 people every two weeks.

We now have a nurse again, although it is for only two days a week. She lives in Houma and drives down on Mondays and Thursdays to hold clinic and to visit. There has been quite a bit of sickness in the few weeks since she started and the problem has been to help make the sick well. Soon she will start on such things as health and education and the prevention of disease.

Plans for the future include a continuation and intensification of the present program. We hope to reach more people and to have more things with which to reach them. There have been many changes in the past year and it is hoped that the Mission will grow into being a Community Center with a well rounded program, a wholesome atmosphere and adequate facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Carl Brunson,
Head Resident.

SAGER BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL
BALDWIN, LOUISIANA

"There is never a dull moment" at Sager Brown Home. One hundred and twenty children are enrolled. Fifty-one of this number live in the home. This number of dormitory children represent five states. Ninety percent are from broken homes. Their ages range from five to eighteen years. The work at Sager Brown Home and Godman School is that of helping these children learn the Christian way of life. This being our purpose every moment is filled with brightness and cheer.

The staff consists of ten workers, including superintendent, teachers, maintenance, house mothers, laundress and kitchen matron. We are happy to welcome the return of Miss Robinson, who received her Master's Degree from Scarritt, and was commissioned as Deaconess.

Our children attend school from kindergarten through eighth grade at Godman School. Above the eigth grade they may attend Franklin High School, Franklin, Louisiana, some attend other high schools under the W. D. C. S. and others return to relatives or friends. They have supervised study time, tutoring of retarded children, and contacts with visiting groups.

Weekly prayer services, church school, church services at Trinity church mornings, MYF vesper services, youth Institutes, Revivals, Christmas pagents, vacation Bible school make up the spiritual life activities.

The Recreational program at Sager Brown Home includes parties on special occasions, folk games, rhythm games, circuses and movies. This is only a part of the recreation that is needed.

Boy Scouts, the St. Mary Parish Teacher's association, Field days, Chorus tours are our major community interests.

We have enjoyed a great fellowship this year. Vacation church school training groups, church school picnics, Traveler's Club, W.S.C.S. youth from Baton Rouge District, and the Little Rock Conference. Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Educational Institutions, W.D.C.S., resident Bishop, Central Jurisdiction, W.S.C.S. officers, District and Conference, District Superintendents, ministers, former workers, and students have been our visitors.

Improvements have been made on the physical plant to meet all requirements from the State Department of Health and the State Fire Marshal.

Equipment added this year—Stainless Steel Refrigerator, Plastic dishes, Beauty Parlor and Barber Shop equipment.

Supply needs are under the same general headings: Medical, Toilet, School, Office, Clothing and Playground needs.

Thank you for helping us to do the job that is ours at Sager Brown Home and Godman School.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Miss Rosie Ann Cobb,
Superintendent.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

People's Methodist Community Center is one of the pioneer Day Care Centers for Negro children in New Orleans. It was established at a time when there was only one other such institution of its type in the city. It was established at a time when the prevailing opinion was that a mother's place was in the home, where she could properly supervise and rear her children. But someone with vision, understanding and sympathy realized that not all mothers were fortunate enough to have someone to provide the necessities of life for her and her children.

Hence, these less fortunate mothers were forced to seek employment outside the home and were faced with the problm of what to do with their children, while they went out to be the breadwinner. And so it was that the Day Care service offered by the People's Methodist Community Center became the solution to their problem.

Now these mothers could go about their daily tasks with peace of mind, knowing that their children were being properly cared for, in wholesome Christian environments, safe from hazards and evils of the streets and alleys.

But a place to stay and food to eat was not enough. Little heads and little hands must be kept busy. Activities must be guided into the right channels which make for proper growth and development. This called for organizing classes and supplying teachers. Schedules must be worked out to provide a program of well balance activities—music now—stories now—devotions now—play now—rest now—meals now.

Through the years the services and opportunities offered by the Center have expanded to meet the ever increasing needs of the community. But the Day Care and pre-school departments are still the outstanding services offered by the Institution.

We have set as our goal in the pre-school department the accomplishment of the following objectives:

1. To provide wholesome environment for very young children.
2. To encourage good health building habits, i.e. eating nutritious food, having regular sleep and rest periods, engaging in desirable physical activities.
3. To assist in unfolding mental powers by providing special interests.
4. To develop good social traits by providing experiences and contacts with other children of the same age and stage of development.
5. To provide opportunities for the child to assume responsibility for his own personal needs.
6. To increase and enrich the child's vocabulary through the use of pictures, music, Nursery Rhymes, stories.
7. To provide early exposure to musical training and appreciation of good music. To encourage child to use his singing voice.
8. To provide activities which develop the larger muscles of the body i. e., outdoor games, use of playground equipment.
9. To provide activities which develop eyes and hands co-ordination through the use of paint, crayola, paste, scissors, clay, etc.
10. To provide activities which develop creative and leadership ability through the use of competitive games, singing games, dramatics. A daily devotional period provides religious training.

There are at present one hundred and fourteen children in the Day Care and pre-school department, forty-one of which are in my class. The operation of this class is made possible by the generous support and abundance of supplies which it receives from your division of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. By your contributions and gifts you are helping to lighten the burden of forty-one mothers. You are making it possible for their children to enjoy the benefit of adequate supervision and Christian training to help them grow into useful, Christian citizens.

On behalf of these mothers and the Superintendent and Staff of People's Methodist Community Center, I thank you.

Mrs. Pearl Turnbull
Nursery Teacher.

RURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The purpose of a Rural Advisory Committe is to "help in planning and interpreting the work in a conference in which there are one or more

rural work projects". With Miss Thompson's return to the Louisiana Conference Rural Work, a committee was set up to give her this help. The Committee feels that Miss Thompson has rendered fine service in many ways.

Miss Thompson has made a study of the Churches of Louisiana, grouping them according to membership so that each district would know the exact location and the number of its very small churches. From this survey Dr. Bentley Sloane, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, and Miss Thompson have planned specialized services for small churches. The first step in this is to have all pastors and church school superintendents of the churches with less than 200 members, along with the District Superintendent, come together to study Church School literature and the operation of Churches of this size. Twelve such meetings have been planned for the future with Rev. Robert Carter, Chairman of the Town and Country Commission, cooperating with Dr. Sloane and Miss Thompson.

Miss Thompson's plans are to continue such conference wide assistance as she can give by working cooperatively with the Board of Education, District Superintendents, and the Commission of Town and Country.

Some of the work that she has done along these lines are:

1. Older Adults, particularly camping programs.
2. Christian Vocation Clinics.
3. Town and Country Church Recognition Program.
4. Leadership classes.
5. Informal counseling with Centenary students.

The Advisory Committee meeting, with the Town and Country Commission worked out plans whereby Hall Summit Charge, Red River Parish, was to be designated as a Pilot Charge for a Larger Parish and Group Ministry Plan, and the services of Miss Thompson would be available in helping the minister develop these plans. She has given her services there.

Miss Thompson has secured the services of Mrs. G. W. Charlton, Shreveport, Louisiana, to write publicity for her work and that of the Town and Country Commission. Four articles have been printed in the Louisiana Methodist. One; "Town and Country Meets", a detailed account of the two day joint meeting of the Commission and Committee. The service of the Extension Department was offered by Mr. J. C. Sanders, State Director of the Agricultural Extension Service and a member of the Town and Country Commission. As a result of this a Community wide New Clinic and a Work Shop on Recreation was held at Hall Summit. Other articles published were "Rural Churches are Lighted for Christmas", "Rural Leader Visits Louisiana", an account of Dr. Martin Judy, Professor of Town and Country Work, Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., meeting with some of the members of the Commission and the Committee. Dr. Judy attended the Recreation Workshop in progress and churches on the Hall Summit Charge. An account of the Recreation Workshop was published.

The Committe wishes to thank Mrs. Charlton and the Editors of the "Louisiana Methodist" for this publicity.

The Rural Advisory Committee recommends that additional work be set up in Louisiana on a cooperative basis.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick,
Chairman,
La. Rural Advisory Committee

LOUISIANA RURAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORK

ELIZABETH THOMPSON, Deaconess

A study of The Methodist Church in Louisiana, South Central Jurisdiction, reveals the facts that 222 out of the 462 churches have a total

membership of 100 or less, and the trend to create separate charges, on the whole, tends to weaken rather than to strengthen the rural church.

The Hall Summit charge, Red River Parish, was designated by the Town and Country Commission as a pilot or demonstration area. The six churches working as a unit and in close cooperation with Coushatta and with all existing agencies and churches in the area for the betterment of the total life.

The services of the Rural Worker have been available for this project. In addition to this concentrated work she has continued her statewide activities which during this year have included:

Special work with church school superintendents of small churches, worker's institutes and classes in local churches.

Older adult camping program

Christian Vocations Commission activities

Town and Country Commission activities

Christmas and other special community programs.

Materials prepared and/or distributed from office for (a) community self-study, (b) small church program guides, (c) information to conference leaders in regard to size, etc., of churches.

Interpretation of rural scene by printed materials, visuals, speaking.

Dreams of former years are becoming realities, but in no instance could or would the worker take "credit" for them as such. There is increasing recognition of the importance of the rural church and community. It is valid to assume that this project has had a share in helping to create this awareness and perhaps it is at this point that most lasting "rural work" contribution is made.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Article I

Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a Promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Supply Work, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority-vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including

the president, shall be by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. Delegates from the Conference Society to the quadrennial Assembly shall be the Conference president and one other Conference officer, elected by the Conference Excutive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. Other reprsentatives from the Conference shall be the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and one delegate from each District, who shall be a District officer, elected by the District Executive Committee at the last meeting preceding the Assembly. The expenses of the district representative to be paid by the Districts.

Article II
Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Section 2. When one half or more of the unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

Article III
Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents, District secretaries of Promotion, District treasurers and such persons as the Conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction officers residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the conference shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference and shall determine the officer to be responsible for publicity in the press.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman; the vice-president, the Promotion secretary, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee.

Article IV
Funds

Section 1. All officers shall submit itemized expense accounts quarterly, and in as far as possible keep within the amount heretofore advanced: president, $25.00; vice-president, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, and Missionary Personnel, $12.50; treasurer, $10.00; Literature and Publications, $15.00. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Section 2. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 3. Sixty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of May 1 of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual

meetings, expense of Executive meetings, expenses of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation, an amount equal to ten cents per member, to be remitted to the District treasurer.

Section 5. District treasurers shall set aside $25.00 each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

Article V
Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District President for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The zone leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the possible exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one to be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Promotions, Missionary Education and Service, Literature and Publications, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Supply Work. The District Woman's Society of Christian Service shall determine the method of election of its officers.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

Article VI
Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving.

The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the department of Christian Social Relations and local Church Activities of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdicton.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action, composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference, as chairman; the president, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Missionary Education and Service, the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches, and the pledges made; become informed of Conference income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of Woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, composed of the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgement of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any over-lapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District president, who shall be the chairman; the District superintendent, Conference officers within the District, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the president of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet semi-annually, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Promotion secretary, Conference president, and the Conference Promotion secretary.

(b) The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District.

(c) An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning for and interpreting the work in the Conference, where there are one or more Rural Projects.

It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society; the secretary of Missionary Education and Service; the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions; the Exective Secretary of the Board of Education of the Annual Conference; the chairman of the Town and Country Commission; the District Superintendents of the Districts in which the Rural Workers are located; and one or more members-at-large. The chairman shall be appointed by the president. The Executive secretary of the Bureau of Town and Country Work shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Rural Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Rural deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, Conference secretary of Status of Women, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall report its findings when called for, to the Conference Society.

Section 10. There shall be a committee on Schools of Missions and Christian Service, with a chairman elected annually. This committee shall be composed of the Conference secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Promotion, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Literature and Publications, the vice-president and the Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through the integrated program of missionary education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Program Building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 11. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Report composed of the Recording secretary, who shall be the chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of Promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference.

Section 12. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, as chairman, the Guild secretary from each District in the Conference, and four representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Conference, two of whom shall be the

Conference Promotion secretary and the Conference treasurer; the other two to be elected by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and such additional members as the work demands.

It shall be the duty of the Guild Committee to assist the Conference secretary of the Guild in the promotion of Guild work in the Conference.

Section 13. There shall be a Committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, and the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

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Amendments

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc, that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society, the Conference officers are expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

5. A typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. Each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid, shall be turned over to the Conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the Seminar Cultivation.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and the Promotion secretary.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling

of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to District Officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The Promotion secretary in each local society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Promotion secretary of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. Representation at annual meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, will have one delegate.

10. The hostess society for the annual meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and the delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their society.

11. Thirty days before the annual meeting the Conference Recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she will fill in the names of the delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

12. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Conference.

13. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

14. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the Society.

15. In view of the fact that letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local Societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

16. Since the Woman's Society of Christian Service has a definite responsibility for the support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from Woman's Society's treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

17. District, Conference, or Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local Societies.

LOCAL SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone I Leader: Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, 1321 Williams St., Natchitoches, La.

Jena	Mrs. Addie Doughty	Jena, La.
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Faith	Mrs. Glen Ballard	Rt. 2, Box 266-B, Natchitoches, La.
Oak Grove	Mrs. John Hilton	Rt. 2, Box 50, Natchitoches, La.
Olla	Mrs. A. N. Talley	Olla, La.
Robeline	Mrs. Ruby Idom	Box 23, Robeline, La.
Trout	Mrs. J. F. Justiss	Good Pine, La.
Urania	Mrs. Herbert May	Urania, La.
Winnfield	Mrs. Harry Fuller	Winnfield, La.

Zone II Leader: Mrs. W. K. Collins, Oakland St., Pineville, La.

Ball	Mrs. Ed Pickens	Ball, La.
Boyce	Mrs. A. M. Dean	Boyce, La.
Colfax	Mrs. T. L. McNeely	Colfax, La.
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Mt. Zion	Mrs. E. C. Strickland	Rt. 1, Montgomery, La.
Oak Grove (Effie)	Mrs. Bessie Luneau	Center Point, La.
Palestine	Mrs. Helen Bruce	Rt. 1, Pineville, La.
Pineville	Mrs. W. K. Collins	Oakland St., Pineville, La.
Pollock	Miss Mollye Stewart	Pollock, La.

Zone III Leader: Mrs. Roy Waitz, Rt. 21, Alexandria, La.

Alexandria—First Church	Mrs. George M. Connell	Boyce Road, Alexandria, La.
Trinity	Mrs. W. H. Rollins	87 Louisiana Avenue, Alexandria, La.
Wesley	Mrs. T. C. Young	Rt. 21, Alexandria, La.
Elizabeth	Mrs. Lee Howard, Jr.	Elizabeth, La.
Fellowship	Mrs. A. Z. Hoye	Hineston, La.
Forest Hill	Mrs. James Peninger	Forest Hill, La.

Friendship	Miss Versa Gilbert	Melder, La.
Glenmora	Mrs. R. H. Andrews	Longleaf, La.
Oakdale	Mrs. Charles Evans	427 Tenth St., Oakdale, La.

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Bunkie	Mrs. C. W. Tebow	Bunkie, La.
Cheneyville	Mrs. Della Riggs	Cheneyville, La.
Chicot	Mrs. M. McGhee	Rt. 3, Box 480, Ville Platte, La.
Evergreen	Mrs. Ray Mathieu	Evergreen, La.
Lecompte	Mrs. C. L. Fletcher	Lecompte, La.
Marksville	Mrs. Gradney Couvillion	Marksville, La.
Simmesport	Mrs. W. W. Lindsey	Box 303, Lettsworth, La.
Ville Platte	Mrs. M. O. Malloy	Rt. 1, Box 510, Ville Platte, La.
White's Chapel	Mrs. R. C. Scott	Rt. 3, Bunkie, La.

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Blackwater	Mrs. O. K. Sharp	Rt. 4, Baton Rouge, La.
Lottie	Mrs. A. N. Smith, Sr.	Blanks, La.
New Roads		
Plaquemine	Mrs. F. C. Grosch	Plaquemine, La.
Rosedale		

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Angie		
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Fisher	Mrs. Ada Erwin	Rt. No. 3, Franklinton, La.
Franklinton	Mrs. Haley M. Carter	Franklinton, La.

Mt. Hermon	Mrs. Bessie O. Miller	Mt. Hermon, La.
Varnado	Mrs. Homer Seal	Varnado, La.

Zone III Leader: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong, Sorrento, La.

Bethel	Mrs. George W. Kelley	Pride, La.
Carpenter's Chapel	Mrs. Carey Martin	Prairieville, La.
Deerford	Mrs. C. E. Decker	Rt. No. 2, Zachary, La.
Denham Springs	Mrs. L. W. Rainey	Denham Springs, La.
Faithful	Mrs. Lowell P. Singleton	Rt. No. 2, Gonzales, La.
Friendship	Mrs. L. N. Cox	Corbin, La.
Live Oak	Mrs. J. W. Jones	Rt. No. 2, Denham Springs, La.
Magnolia	Mrs. John R. Oldham	Rt. No. 2, Baton Rouge, La.
Mangum Chapel	Mrs. Roy Sibley	Corbin, La.
Meadows Chapel		
New River	Mrs. R. L. Armstrong	Sorrento, La.
Walker	Mrs. Arnold Rushing	Corbin, La.

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Cooper's Chapel	Mrs. Harold Neal	Loranger, La.
Day's Church	Mrs. Jessie Allen	Kentwood, La.
Hammond	Mrs. Lokey Faller	Box 594, Hammond, La.
Kentwood	Mrs. Herbert Broyles, Jr.	Kentwood, La.
Lee's Landing		
Loranger	Mrs. Arnold Kennedy	Loranger, La.
Montpelier	Mrs. Cornelia Bond	Rt. No. 1, Amite, La.
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Pine Ridge	Mrs. Winfred Travis	Rt. 1, Kentwood, La.
Ponchatoula	Mrs. G. T. Scott	Ponchatoula, La.
Springfield	Mrs. L. J. Savoy	Rt. No. 1, Box 83, Hammond, La.
Tangipahoa	Mrs. T. C. Lanier	Tangipahoa, La.
Tickfaw	Mrs. Carlton Faller	Rt. No. 2, Box 171-J, Hammond, La.
Wesley Chapel	Mrs. Alfred Johnson	Ponchatoula, La.

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Baker	Mrs. C. O. Munson, Sr.	Baker, La.

Clinton		
Ethel	Mrs. Leslie Moody	Ethel, La.
Jackson	Mrs. T. D. Dawson	Jackson, La.
New Hope-Concord	Mrs. T. E. Spillman	Spillman, La.
St. Francisville	Mrs. Murphy Dreher, Sr.	St. Francisville, La.
Slaughter	Mrs. W. H. Porter, Jr.	Slaughter, La.
Tunica	Mrs. Homer Alsup	Angola, La.
Zachary	Mrs. R. O. McCraine	Zachary, La.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Zone I Leader:

Bayou Blue		
Donaldsonville	Mrs. Russell Pregeant	305 St. Patrick, Donaldsonville, La.
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Port Barre	Mrs. John E. Futral	Port Barre, La.

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Maxie	Mrs. Day Farley	Rt. No. 2, Crowley, La.
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Holly Grove	Mrs. J. M. Bevins	Anacoco, La.
Leesville	Mrs. Porter Young	1607 Verone Terrace, Leesville, La.
Merryville	Mrs. R. L. Owen	Merryville, La.
Pine Grove	Mrs. J. H. Talbert	Rt. 2, Pitkin, La.
Prospect	Mrs. Zelma Sandel	Florien, La.
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Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary
Miss Lillian Kennedy, Editor of Guild Times, and Publicity Chairman.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild

JUNE

The president of the unit confers with the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to discuss general plans of coordination and to arrange for attendance of the president and the treasurer at executive meetings of the W. S. C. S.

The outgoing Secretary of Promotion and the outgoing treasurer hand their books to the incoming officers.

The Committee on Finance meets to prepare the budget.

The recording secretary presents the new Membership Book.

The executive and the Committee on Program meet to make plans for the year.

Conclude plans for Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer, July 15-16-17, and the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah, June 24-25-26.

JULY

The Committee on Status of Women distributes, collects, and files the

Service Activity Cards, noting valuable information before filing.

The Committee on Program meets again to make detailed plans for the year's program. Special emphasis should be given to Christian Vocation.

The Committee on Spiritual Life meets to consider plans for spiritual enrichment, taking into consideration any suggestions coming from the meetings of the Committee on Program.

Conclude plans and send in registrations for Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 8-12.

First quarter treasurer reports due July 16th, please NOTE, and close books then.

AUGUST

The Committee on Missionary Education and Service plans for approved study course.

Make plans for honoring the Woman's Society of Christian Service on their 15th Birthday in September.

The executive committee meets to assist the Secretary of Promotion in making out the quarterly report.

SEPTEMBER

The Guild vice-president communicates with the vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service concerning plans for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

The Committee on Literature and Publications arranges a display of new materials for the September meeting.

OCTOBER

The Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presents the United Nations through displays and specific suggestions for action.

Second quarter treasurers reports are due October 16th, please NOTE, and close books then.

NOVEMBER

In cooperation with other organizations, plans are made for Human Rights Day on December 10.

The executive committee meets to assist the Secretary of Promotion in making out the quarterly report.

DECEMBER

Plans are made for Guild Month in cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

JANUARY

This is Guild Month. The Committee on Membership makes plans for recruiting new members. Special plans are formulated by the Committee on Publicity. In addition to this, every Guild member is alerted to responsibility for publicizing the Guild.

Third quarter treasurers reports are due January 16th, please NOTE, and close books then.

FEBRUARY

The Committee on Program evaluates the work of the first half of the year.

World Day of Prayer is observed.

The Committee on Nominations meets.

The executive committee meets to assist the Secretary of Promotion in making out the third quarterly report.

MARCH

The Committee on Literature and Publications has a place on the program of the monthly meeting for special emphasis on The Methodist Woman and the World Outlook.

At the drection of the Committee on Program, the Committee on Spiritual Life arranges a Guild Communion Breakfast.

Fourth quarter treasurers reports are due April 26th, please NOTE, and plan to close books then.

APRIL

Election of officers is held after careful study of the new by-laws.

Plans are made for attendance at the Summer School of Missions and Christian Service, and the Conference Guild Weekend.

MAY

Installation of officers take place in well-planned, impressive service.

The executive committee meets to assist the Secretary of Promotion in making out the fourth quarter or annual report.

MINUTES OF THE MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

November 20th, 1954
Alexandria, Louisiana

The Executive Body of the Wesleyan Service Guild met in Alexandria Louisiana, November 20, 1954, at Edmary's Courts.

The meeting was called to order by Minza Rabun, Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary. Minutes of previous meeting were read and unanimously approved. The roll was called, and the following members were present.

Miss Helen Adams, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Miss Grace M. Lawson, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, Miss Emma Kuntz, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Editor of Guild Times, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer, Mrs. George E. Powell, Conference Secretary of Supply, Mrs. Neva Rye, WSG Secretary, Alexandria District, Miss Lillian Kennedy, WSG Secretary, Baton Rouge District, Mrs. Lena Sweeney, WSG Secretary, Lake Charles District, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, WSG Secretary, Monroe District, Miss Margaret McGowan, WSG Secretary, New Orleans District, Miss Sue Batton, WSG Secretary, Ruston District, Miss Arline Tyler, WSG Secretary, Shreveport District, Mrs. Minza Rabun, WSG Conference Secretary. Miss Marilynn Carter, WSG Secretary, Lafayette District was unable to attend because of illness. One visitor was present, Mrs. Reese Simmons, who served as recording secretary for the body.

The matter of insurance for the Spring Meeting was discussed, and it was decided that this was camp insurance, and would not cover the delegates at this meeting. However, Margaret McGowan agreed to write and to look into the possibility of securing same for all large engatherings of the group. Motion was made by Neva Rye and seconded by Emma Kuntz that insurance policy be continued, motion unanimously carried.

The following district secretaries were called on for reports: Neva Rye, Alexandria District reported coaching conference, 10 active Guilds, and one new Guild at Lecompte organized.

Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District reported 12 Guilds, no coaching conference.

Lena Sweeney, Lake Charles District reported 13 Guilds, no coaching Conference.

Ruth Guthrie, Monroe District reported coaching conference held in early summer, Spiritual Life Retreat in October, and a Junior Guild in process of organization at Bastrop, and 12 active Guilds.

Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District reported 9 Guilds.

Sue Batton, Ruston District reported coaching conference in September, 9 Guilds and two Guilds in process of organization.

Arline Tyler, Shreveport District reported 18 Guilds and a wonderful Guild Weekend at Caney Lake; which included Seminar, and Officer's Training.

Marilynn Carter, secretary Lafayette District sent telegram stating that she would be unable to attend meeting, but wished body a good meeting.

Minza called for reports from the following Conference Committee Chairman:

Grace Lawson, Missionary Education and Service reported new plans for keeping count of the number of studies held for Jurisdiction Recognition, and encouraged the Guild Secretaries to have their Guilds order their blanks from her.

Emma Kuntz, Ch. of CSR & LCA urged that 25 cents per member for Alcohol Education be reached, and stated that this could now be paid during the entire year, since the Woman's Society of Christian Service were meeting their obligation quarterly.

Miss Helen Adams, Ch. Spiritual Life Cultivation encouraged the group to deepen their own spiritual life and to encourage participation in all the joint church wide observances of prayer.

Report by Dorothy Dunbar, Ch. of Publicity, and Editor of Guild Times recommended that the second Sunday in January be observed as Guild Sunday in the State of Louisiana. Comments were given by various representatives. Dorothy stated that her term of office as Guild Times Editor had expired, and asked the body to please release her, and to find someone else to assume the responsibility.

Neva Rye was appointed to express appreciation to Dorothy for the splendid job done in the editing of Guild Times, and the promotion of Guild work throughout the Louisiana Conference. The group voted to accept Dorothy's termination of office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p. m. for the evening meal.

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p. m. after adjourning one hour for the evening meal.

The Conference Secretary, Minza Rabun requested that communications from Miss Lillian Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Division be read; which was informative and instructive on several phases of the Guild work.

Mrs. George E. Powell, Conference Secretary of Supply Work was called for a report. She stated that our coupon campaign is progressing nicely for St. Mark's Camp Fund, and urged us to buy and save coupons from Cat and Dog foods; Borden and Ballard products and Octagon soap; she also stated that we had gained in cash supply giving, but was afraid we were not reporting everything we did. She stated that cash should not be sent directly to an institution or worker, but should be sent through regular channels, and also urged that if we did send boxes of materials, not to pack or send them without first ascertaining what the needs were.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer gave a short report on the Cultivation Fund, and urged each officer to make out an expense account and submit to her district treasurer, and if they did not hear from them to refer the matter to her. That we had the money and it was to be used for promotion of the Guild Work.

It was moved by Lillian Kennedy, and seconded that Lena Sweeney, and Arline Tyler go to Mt. Sequoyah as the delegates to the Jurisdiction School of Missions June 21-28, 1955. Minza announced that she would be unable to attend if she made the Tour to Mexico. Grace Lawson was named to go in her place. Marilynn Carter, and Sue Batton were elected as alternates for said School of Missions.

The next business to be taken up was the Spring Meeting to be held in Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 19-20, 1955.

Helen Adams, Lena Sweeney and Grace Lawson had previously been appointed as Program Chairmen. Helen and her committee had prepared a tentative program outline and a copy was given each. The program theme was to be the same as that of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—"For the Living of These Days".

It was moved and seconded that the "Love Offering" at the Spring Meeting would go to missions, and that the district secretaries make a pledge for their respective districts. Mrs. McSween to plan pledge service, and this to be given Saturday evening at the Spring Meeting.

It was voted that the registration fee for the Spring Meeting be $3.00; which would include dinner, breakfast and the insurance fee.

Grace Lawson was appointed as Chairman of Reports, and that said reports be sent to her not later than March 10, 1955. A discussion then followed as to what was to be incorporated in these reports. Dorothy Dunbar suggested that they be taken from the first three quarters, and contain the following information:

1. Amount of pledge and amount paid to missions
2. Life Memberships
3. Week of Prayer Offering
4. Amount paid to Alcohol Education Fund
5. Amount paid to Cultivation Fund
6. Cash Supplies to two Special Interests
7. Other Supply
8. Amount paid to CSR & LCA
9. Remarks (anything of interest from local districts)

It was suggested that Minza name committees for Spring Meeting, and the following were named as chairmen, with the remainder of the committees to be supplied at a later date;

Margaret McGowan, Chairman of Communication,
Marilynn Carter, Chairman of Courtesy, and
Sue Batton, Chairman of Resolutions.

Helen Adams brought to the group a very inspiring meditation just before adjournment for the evening.

Sunday Morning, November 21, 1955

Meeting reconvened Sunday Morning, November 21, at 9:00 a. m. Minza opened the meeting with prayer.

It was requested that names of new Guilds and presidents for same be sent to Dorothy Dunbar by end of December, 1954 for the next issue of Guild Times.

Plans for Annual Weekend at Camp Brewer were then discussed. The evaluation sheets from last year were read and studied. Minza named Lillian Kennedy, Program Chairman, with Neva Rye and Sue Batton to serve with her. The theme for the Weekend was to be the same as that used throughout the Division for Weekend meetings.

Neva Rye suggested clarification of the registrations cards, and this was agreed upon.

Margaret McGowan suggested that Dorothy Kelley be secured as Spiritual Life Interest speaker, second choice Mike Willis, third, Charlie Hampton, and fourth Ola Mae Pennington.

Helen Adams requested that she be released of her responsibilities as Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation during her three months absence, June to September. Margaret McGowan suggested that we accept Theresa Atkins, Shreveport District Spiritual Life Chairman for these duties. Theresa was to be contacted.

Margaret McGowan suggested a Panel on Reports for the Guild Weekend.

Dorothy Dunbar's term of office as Editor of Guild Times was accepted as being terminated at the Annual Spring Meeting in Lake Charles, March 19-20, 1955.

The closing meditation was brought by Miss Helen Adams.

Meeting adjourned for noon meal and was dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Opal Simmons, Actg. Secy.

PRE-CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at 10:30 A. M., March 19, 1955, on the Mezzanine of the Majestic Hotel, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mrs. Minza Rabun, Conference Secretary called the meeting to order. A Friendship Circle was formed, and Mrs. C. I. Jones, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service led the group in prayer.

Those present were:

Officers of the La. Conf. Woman's Society of Christian Service, and members of the Standing Committee of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

Mrs. C. I. Jones, President
Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion
Mrs. James T. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel

Wesleyan Service Guild District Secretaries:

Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria District
Miss Lillian Kennedy, Baton Rouge District
Miss Marilynn Carter, Lafayette District
Mrs. Lena Sweeney, Lake Charles District
Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Monroe District
Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans District
Miss Sue Batton, Ruston District
Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport District

Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Committee Chairman:

Miss Grace Lawson, Missionary Education and Service
Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Cultivation
Miss Emma Kuntz, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities
Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Editor Guild Times
Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary

Guests

The Honorable Fannie Burch, 21st District Judge.

Reported absent were Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer, W. S. C. S., Mrs. George Powell, Conference Secretary of Supply Work, and Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Conference Secretary of Status of Women.

Minza reported that she would be unable to attend the South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions, June 21-28, Mt. Sequoyah, and asked the group to elect one of the secretary's to represent her. Motion was made by Neva Rye, seconded by Marilynn Carter and passed by the group that Miss Arline Tyler be the official delegate in Minza's absence.

Other delegates named to attend the School of Missions were Mrs. Lena Sweeney, and Grace Lawson.

The Conference School of Missions to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, August 8-12 was discussed and it was announced there would be facilities for those of the Guild who wished to attend. Miss Grace Lawson, suggested that the Guild Clinic be arranged at an hour not to conform with the other clinics because Guild people needed to attend those in their lines of work. Mrs. Jones said that she would recommend to the School of Missions Committee that this be arranged satisfactorily.

Margaret McGowan reported that she had been able to arrange for insurance to cover all delegates attending the Annual Spring Meeting, and that the insurance was arranged for the Annual Guild Weekend at Brewer.

It was announced that the date for Camp Brewer would be July 15-16-17, and that Mrs. Theresa Atkins, Spiritual Life Secretary, Shreveport District had accepted the responsibility for the Spiritual Life Summer Program in the absence of Helen Adams who is going to Europe for for the summer.

Minza brought to the group the suggested recommendation from the Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Sam Dunbar that the askings for Louisiana Rural Work be prorated.

In a discussion about how the balance of Guild Times funds could be retained in the conference treasury, Mrs. Jones stated that it could be held over in the Cultivation Fund only.

Dr. Hotalen, presented the Youth Director of The Louisiana Civic and Moral Foundation, Mr. Charles E. Flurry who expressed his thanks and appreciation for the support of women of the Louisiana Conference. Mr. Flurry stated that he would be making a tour throughout the State speaking to youth groups and if convenient, would be glad to come before any of the women's groups when invited. His address was given as—Box 360-B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The tentative budget was accepted by the body, and the group adjourned for luncheon.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell gave the invocation.

During lunch Miss Jenibe Westbrook, newly appointed recording secretary was introduced to the group.

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service made impromptu talks, and each pledged their full-support to the Guild program.

Much discussion and clarification of The Tour to Mexico was made, and much interest manifested.

The Executive Committee enjoyed a lovely luncheon together and then were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenibe Westbrook, Rec. Secretary

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Fourth annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana on Saturday, March 19, 1955 at 2:00 p. m., with the conference secretary, Mrs. Minza Rabun, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, Mrs. Rabun declared the Conference convened.

Rev. Carl F. Lueg, the host pastor, in his inimitable way gave the address of welcome to the delegates and guests.

Miss Arline Tyler, secretary of the Shreveport District, led the opening worship, using the Conference theme, "For the Living of These Days".

Minza opened the business session with the appointment of the following committees:

Communications:
Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman
Miss Vera See
Miss Jenibe Westbrook
Resolutions:
Miss Sue Batton, Chairman
Miss Kathryn Bower
Miss Vivian Smith
Courtesy:
Miss Marilynn Carter, Chairman
Mrs. Helen Cooke
Miss Emma Kuntz

The following introductions were made:

Guests and officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service
Mrs. C. I. Jones, President
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion
Mrs. James T. Harris, Secretary of Missionary Personnel
Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Literature and Publications
District Secretaries, Wesleyan Service Guild
Mrs. Neva Rye, Alexandria
Miss Lillian Kennedy Baton Rouge
Miss Marilynn Carter, Lafayette
Mrs. Lena Sweeney, Lake Charles
Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Monroe
Miss Margaret McGowan, New Orleans
Miss Sue Batton, Ruston
Miss Arline Tyler, Shreveport

Chairmen, Lines of Work, Wesleyan Service Guild
Miss Emma Kuntz, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities
Miss Helen Adams, Spiritual Life Cultivation
Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Editor Guild Times, and Publicity
Miss Grace Lawson. Missionary Education and Service
Miss Jenibe Westbrook, Recording Secretary

Special recognition was made to The Honorable Fannie Burch, Twenty-First District Judge, and former secretary, Baton Rouge District.

Fraternal Delegates

Mrs. W. W. Bell, President of local Guild, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Central Jurisdiction and seven of her members.

Miss Dorothy Dunbar announced that due to other responsibilities in the Guild work she had reached the decision to terminate her services as editor of the Guild Times. Miss Lillian Kennedy was introduced as the newly appointed editor to succeed Dorothy.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Neva Rye, and adopted by the Conference:

"Be it resolved: That the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisiana Conference do, at this time, want to express their appreciation and gratitude to Miss Dorothy Dunbar, retiring editor of Guild Times, for her untiring efforts for, and devotion to the Guild Times, since it's inception. Her contribution to this medium of Promotion, for the Wesleyan Service

Guild merits the heartfelt thanks of our organization."

Signed: The Louisiana Conference
Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Sue Batton read the recommendations of the Committee for the year 1955-56 and motion was made, seconded and passed that they be adopted and made a part of these minutes.

The group joined in the singing of the Guild Hymn after which Minza gave the Secretary's Message, "Why Did You Join the Wesleyan Service Guild?"

The Conference was deeply moved by a lovely solo rendered by Miss Marcia Feldes of McNeese Music Department.

The address of the afternoon, "The Southern Cross" was given by our own beloved president, Mrs. C. I. Jones, who in her quiet sweet way brought us many interesting things from her recent trip "around the world".

Miss Lillian Kennedy pronounced the benediction.

TEA Hour

Following the afternoon session a lovely tea was given for the delegates, guests, and visitors in the beautiful home of Mrs. L. E. Frazer, wife of the president of McNeese College, assisted by the president, and members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the University Methodist Church.

Dinner Saturday Evening

The Fellowship Dinner was served at 6:45 p. m., in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, with Mrs. Lena Sweeney presiding. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The guests and delegates on arrival were given multi-colored tags; which later served as table identifications. This was a good way to mix the group, and created much merriment. The guest list included the local pastors and their wives, who were later introduced to the group. The Doxology was used in unison for the invocation. The covers of the programs were unique in that each carried a beautifully crocheted white cross to be used later as a bookmark. These were made by Lena, and she expressed the pleasure she derived from her loving gesture. An "old-fashioned sing" was enjoyed by the entire group. The delicious turkey dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the University Methodist Church.

Evening Session, March 19th, 1955

At the close of the dinner the delegates and visitors returned to the sanctuary of the church. After the organ prelude Minza introduced Rev. Earl Emmerich who gave the opening prayer. The hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung.

Mrs. James T. Harris was the first speaker of the evening, and her address was "For the Living of These Days". She told of her experiences on her's and Rev. Harris' recent trip to Cuba. She held her audience spell-bound as she shared many of her personal and intimate experiences with the natives who were truly hungering and thirsting for the Word of God.

A "Love Offering" (to supplement the Conference Pledge to Missions) was taken; which later was reported to be $228.13.

Mrs. Fred O. Shirley rendered a beautiful solo. Mrs. Jones introduced the second speaker of the evening, Miss Margaret Billingsley, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to Japan, Korea and the Philippines. Miss Billingsley told many challenging and thrilling experiences concerning her work, and that of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The first pledge service for the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was led by Mrs. C. I. Jones, assisted by Minza. This service

had been prepared by Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Mrs. Geo. E. Powell, assisted by Neva Rye, and dealt with the voice of our money when pledged to missions. Each district secretary as she made the pledge for her district pledged herself in guiding her district in the great work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The followng affirmation was given by everyone: "Believing that our discipleship must reach out with its ever widening fellowship, working together through our great missionary enterprises to bring peace and brotherhood to a needy world, we realize there must be a new dedication on the part of many women of our Great Organization "For the Living of These Days". The amount pledged by the district for 1955-56 was $12,800.

The Reverends E. B. Emmerich, F. O. Shirley and T. T. Howes, conducted the Holy Communion service, with the Executive Committee communing at the first table.

Rev. F. O. Shirley pronounced the benediction.

Sunday Morning, March 20, 1955

The Conference met again Sunday morining, March 20, 1955 at 7:30 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast with Miss Helen Adams giving the invocation, and presiding during the breakfast. Breakfast was served by the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Simpson Methodist Church, and was a most delectable repast. Miss Margaret Billingsley spoke again on the mission work in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, opening the floor for questions. This was a most informal meeting.

The morning meditation was brought by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, conference secretary Spiritual Life Cultivation.

The morning session with Miss Emma Kuntz presiding was called to order in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church at 8:45 a. m.

Special music was followed by the address of the morning given by The Honorable Fannie Burch, 21st District Judge, and a former secretary of the Baton Rouge District. Fannie, as she is affectionately called, talked on the subject, "The Church Woman and Her Political Responsibility". She began her address by saying that she felt she was speaking to women of destiny, and asked if we felt that way, too—we were women of destiny. Then in her gracious sweet and wholesome way she traced the destiny of man beginning with the Hebrew nation, and coming on through history to the time of the birth of our great nation. She gave us much food for thought, and challenged us severely to assume our places as Christian women in a changing world, and not to be afraid to speak out for the way of Christ. She Begged us to support and encourage Christian people to run for public office. We felt that we could have listened much longer, but being a person of few words she concluded very quickly leaving us with the content of her speech to dwell on for a long time to come.

After the benediction there was a coffee break, after which the group reassembled for the closing business session presided over by Minza.

Reports of the various committees were given as follows:

Registration by Mrs. Lorena Roberts, reported 156 delegates, representing 36 Guilds, one local Negro Guild, and quite a few visitors and guests.

The Report of the Committee on Communication was given by Miss Margaret McGowan who reported that communications were sent to Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. George E. Powell, and Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, the absent members of the Executive Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Courtesy was given by Miss Marilynn Carter. Report attached:

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by Miss Sue Batton, and a copy is attached:

The invitation for the 1956 Conferences to meet in Shreveport was

given in a most gracious manner by Miss Arline Tyler, secretary Shreveport District.

Minza asked the pleasure of the group concerning a free-will offering for the janitors who had worked so long and faithfully during the meeting of the Conference at First Methodist Church. This was done, but the amount was not reported.

Miss Lillian Kennedy gave a most stirring talk on behalf of Guild Times, and said in effect that she knew of no better way to pay tribute to Dorothy Dunbar for the magnificent job rendered by her than to support the paper. She stated that we should not be satisfied with less than 500 subscriptions. Much interest was manifested by the subscription blanks that had been distributed earlier by Dorothy.

There being no other business to come before the Conference Minza declared the Conference adjourned. The delegates attended church services in body, and heard Rev. Carl F. Lueg deliver a stirring message, "From Little Acorns". The delegates and visitors were served a bountiful buffet luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, courtesy of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenibe Westbrook, Rec. Secy.

WE, the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild convened in its Fourth Annual Conference in Lake Charles, Louisiana, being aware of the crime wave that is sweeping, not only our State of Louisiana, but our Nation, as a whole, through gambling devises, liquor and narcotic violations, and the effect it is having on our youth, and directly contributing to the juvenile problems we are facing; also being Christian women, and realizing our responsibilities as a Christian body, do hereby make the following resolutions, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED by the women of the Wesleyan Service Guild, convened in its Fourth Annual Conference in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that we be alert in our efforts to banish the crime wave, juvenile delinquency, liquor violations and gambling devises by

(a) Supporting the Superintendent of State Police, Mr. Grevemberg, in his efforts to halt the gambling and liquor violations in the the State, in an effort to save our YOUTH.

(b) Stand by and support Dr. W. Earl Hotalen in his program "Alcohol Education for Youth".

(c) Support our Churches in Family Life Programs.

(d) Give our unlimited support to the Youth Programs in our Churches and Comunity.

(e) To be prayerful each day.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting, the Fourth Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a copy mailed to Colonel Grevemberg, and a copy sent to Dr. W. Earl Hotalen.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) Sue Batton, Chairman
(Miss) Kathryn Bower
(Mrs.) Vivian Smith,
Committee on Resolutions for
the Wesleyan Service Guild
Fourth Annual Conference

WE, the women of the Wesleyan Service Guild convened in our Fourth Annual Conference in Lake Charles, Louisiana, believing that it is better to battle with words rather than with guns, continue to feel that the United Nations Organization is our best hope for peace, and being aware of the people who are spreading propaganda against it, DO HEREBY make the following resolution, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED by the women of the Wesleyan Service Guild,

convened in its Fourth Annual Conference in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that we urge all women of the Guilds to make a special study of the United Nations; to study its accomplishments, both in its specialized Agencies and the various Councils; that we let our Senators and Representatives know that we are backing our United Nations, not only with our support, but with our prayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this, Fourth Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guilds, and also, a copy be mailed to the President of the United Nations in New York.

Respectively submitted,

(Miss) Sue Batton, Chairman
(Miss) Kathryn Bower
(Mrs.) Vivian Smith,
Committee on Resolutions for
the Wesleyan Service Guild
Fourth Annual Conference

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESY

The Committee on Courtesy wishes to submit the following report on behalf of the visiting Wesleyan Service Guild members, to this Fourth Annual Louisiana Conference.

We have been most graciously entertained and wish to express our gratitude to those who have contributed in making this Spring Meeting a pleasant, inspiring and memorable occasion. Therefore, we extend our thanks and appreciation to the following individuals and groups:

To Mrs. E. D. Sweeney, Lake Charles District Secretary and Miss Helen Adams, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, who served so capably as co-chairman of the hostess group, and through their efforts have made our stay pleasant, profitable and enjoyable.

To the presidents and other members of the hostess Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Lake Charles Methodist Churches for the friendliness and hospitality which has been extended to us.

To the various committees who have so thoroughly planned and so efficiently executed the many activities of the meeting including, the Committees on Registration, Transportation, Decoration, Publicity, programs, Holy Communion, the inspiring music, the literature display, the preparation and serving of the meals and the planning of the lovely tea at the home of Mrs. L. E. Frazer.

To Mrs. C. I. Jones and other members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for their presence and participation in this spring program.

To Mrs. Minza Rabun, conference secretary, who has so ably planned and presided over this Fourth Annual Spring Meeting.

For the inspiring messages and meditations brought by our guests and speakers which filled us with new enthusiasm and strength to accept our responsibilities "For the Living of These Days".

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) Marilynn Carter, Chairman
(Miss) Emma Kuntz
(Mrs.) Helen Cooke

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